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6th day 6mo. 4th 1847 — The weather being roany all the forenoon and damp through the afternoon, Contrary to my expectation I remained at home through the day — I wrote a letter to Isaiah W. P. Lewis relative to my Patent for the Chimney and gave extracts from my Corresp. in Benj.n Hotchi's letter rec.d last. eve.g on the Subject of my invention & the Steamer Hibernia — Read considerably in the Manual on Peace lately rec.d & compiled by Geo. C. Beckwith Sec.y of the Am. Peace Society, which shows in a very concentrated form the horrors and misery and sin which Spring from the Demonical Custom, which even now is excused by theological bodies as well as Communities calling themselves Christian that of Settling national disputes by War —

Devoted part of the afternoon to an examination and investigation of the instrument which I long since imported through Capt.n Jos. Delano for "Daniels Hygrometer" — I had not time when first rec.d to give it much attention and it has since been neglected. But from my examination and researches to day I think it of no value — possibly I do not now understand it, but I believe I know all that is to be known, — and if so it has no practical Value whatever! — Two common thermometers of accurate and corresponding Scales, with the dry and Moistened bulb is beyond comparison a more sensitive and accurate arrangement for testing the Hygrometrical state of the atmosphere.

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2 brother Benj.a Spent the day with us —
Had a call from George Richmond relative
to the Bridge Comp.a meeting —
7th day 5th Remained at home most of
the forenoon, about 10½ went with ma chez
H to C.W. Morgans to make them a visit of
Sympathy & Condolence — It was a very Satis
factory one, as we found them without any
company but that of my dear mother who as
in the Case of our Sad bereavement has been
with them since the event — Our Situations
and afflictions are so Similar that we can
enter most fully into each others Griefs — We
Spent an hour perhaps with them and then
Carried out our intention of Visiting the Cemete-
ry — not as we proposed to do but by means
of Mothers Carriage which was at the Door
and Sister C. proposed we Should take, She
went with us, we Calling at our house to
take Some flowers and rose trees to Strew
and plant about the Spots where Such ten-
der associations Cluster — We took our
Sweet Ellen with us — who was much
agitated by the emotions Called forth by
the Scene — After returning I went
with on Son Francis in the Buggy to make
Some observations on the State of my lots &c
— After dinner and writing for the mail
I walked to the C.H. & Factory and
remained there till the Shades of eve Came on.

1st day 6th. Attended Meeting at Friends House on Spring Street — Iwas inclined to go to the 4th St. Mg in the afternoon but mother & discouraged it — Remained at home otherwise throughout the day — My study has been the three first books of the Bible — Charles Randall called in the evg — Susan & Ellen walked before breakfast to the Cemetary to strew some flowers on the graves of their Sister & Cousin —

2d day 7th Breakfasted in advance of the family and went pretty early to the Office, and Bank but by an error in my watch I was too late for the Directors Meeting — Spent the day, after an ineffectual attempt to get to Fall River by the 10 O'Clock train — having found on getting to the Depot that no train connects with this from F. River, in attending to the Concerns of the Factory & Cg. House — Spent the evg also at the latter place — My long absence from there duties bringing an accumulation of this class of duties — A. Robeson arrived yesterday from Philadelphia & M. H. Ruggles & Party returned at the same time — Sister L & Mary were in town to day to make a visit of Sympathy to Bro. Charles family — Mary was here — her mother too ill to visit from her late journey to attend her Child beyond my Sisters family, whose true sense of their loss demands the kindest Sympathy.

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3d day 8th Went to the C.G. House & what to make preparation for going to Fall River to see after my Wharf business — Did not succeed in getting off till 11 O'Clk. and arrived there between 1 & 2 — visited the Wharf where the Schooner was delivering her first load of Stones — Isaac had commenced the S. Wall of the No. pier and laid the Stones probably 150 or 160 feet — a distance which he thinks may be built off without a raft of logs for the foundation — walked to the Depot on the new wharf of the Iron Works Co. prepared for the Steamboats — which is on a noble Scale in point of size and execution — these examinations and observations occupied nearly all of the afternoon when after looking through the new factory building of the Polished Co. — and not being able to get into the Office, in the Granite block — the C.G. House of the Quequechan mill having been taken away to admit of the erection of a new more extended Stone building as an appendage for this and other purposes — I went to my brs. where as usual I met with a warm welcome from my Sister and the rest of the family — where I took my 3d meal. it

being a little after their dinner hour — and
then walked in the twilight to the Ledge
where the wall Stone are quarried —
— It continues to work rather unfavor-
ably - compared with that on Locust St —
which was worked the first two years —
Returned to Micahs — and Spent the eve
in conversation with him & others re-
lating to their late journey & Visit to Phil-
adelphia Duncannon &c —
4th day It rose pretty early and went
to the Docuard office to do my writing
and make my Calculations preparatory
to my monthly Settlement — about
9 rode with Micah to breakfast &
then resumed my work at the Office
which employed me till near 3 Oclk —
Then made Calls on Sundry Individu-
als to Settle Accounts Standing against
me — Called on Winslow Dominic
trator of the Estate of Elias McComie
&c. — where I Spent nearly two hours
in endeavoring to make a Settlement with
him of the Din.s due the Estate — The Dif-
ference of views arose from his having
charged me double for a Set of axles
and boxes for my Stone drays at the
price for which he had expressly agreed
to make them, after having repeated-
ly So stated the fact, and I had to ac-
commodate him with it prevailed on

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A.G. Sull to release me from a contract for the same articles which he had ordered from the Manufactory at Canton Specially with reference to it — I claimed also a deduction on the thicke (7/8 in.) tire with which the wheels were shod — I having expected to pay for the Iron, which I had sent or ordered at Newyork — but which was afterwards selected by him in Boston to suit the job more perfectly than a selection by another visit could have done — The cost was between 4 & 5¢ a pound — weight of wheel average about 100 ℔ — The Setting of Tire of this description I was informed by A.G. Sull in presence of Mr. Comie last winter, was done by him for $2 ℙ pair — Calling the Iron with Expences probably some loss in work 5¢ the cost ℙ pair of wheels would be $12. and the amt. at 10¢ ℙ ℔. Charged by him made them cost about $20 — Other Charges in the account appeared to be very unreasonably high — but these I waived objections to, as I did also in consideration of the death of Mr Comie and the belief that he had

acted most unwisely and unwarrantably in doing as he did — but with no wrong motive, the extravagant charge for the tire — But the admr. was not willing to meet me on this very liberal ground, and I was obliged therefore to leave the matter unsettled — after finishing my other business as far as I was able I set off for home a little before 7 Oclk. and arrived a quarter before 10 — Soon after 10 there was an alarm of fire but as the bells soon ceased to ring I retired — (mother & sister Eli) Za dined and I spent the day with my family yesterday — on my return home after having been with Sister Sarah & family ever since the death of Isabel — to comfort and consult them as she did us on the event which had a few weeks earlier made ours a house of mourning —

5th day 10th Called at mothers after having Spent the morning before breakfast in endeavouring to repair the omission of a message &c —

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commission which I had entrusted to my brother Andw as he left Fall River on the 4th of the 8th without success — However the vigilance of Andw who left this city in the Cars for Canton found the missing article, which he had left in the Car and it was sent down by the fast train at 8 Oclk so that I was able to send it to Fall River by the pro. noon Stage — passed the day in sundry attentions to the affairs of the factory &c &c — Eve at home — made another trial with my new lamp which has been in the hands of the makers of the same, except the burner to see if they, who aided me with some Suggestions which were of service in carrying out my idea, would unite with me in measures for obtaining a patent — if it should seem sufficiently valuable for the application — They declined doing so, and were willing to relinquish to me all the advantage which I could derive from the suggestions by which my own original object in attempting the improvement was perhaps more

promptly & just as more perfectly Saud
6th day 11th Rode to my north lots and some
distance further to procure some posts
for my lots — devoted the rest of
the day chiefly to the business of the Fac-
tory & Coal House — Two of the boilers had
arrived My attention was somewhat
given to getting them from the vessel
and to the boiler house, which from their
size and weight was no easy job — be-
ing unusually strong tackles — the hook
of one of the tackles broke when raised a
short distance from the Deck, which
made it necessary to change the blocks
so as not to chafe to metal — They were
successfully landed in the afternoon &
got to the boiler house about Sunset
by means of tackles and rollers — the
of each rising 11000 lbs — Eng. at home
made another trial of the improved lam
for whale Oil — it began well with the
aid of a little Spirits of turpentine for ch
I had the burner adjusted yesterday by
causing small perforations to be made 1/8 of an
inch below the flange — through which the
lamp being filled with a little Sp. vert: on
the surface, the latter & more combustible fl
id saturated the wicks and supplied the flame

till the burner had imparted sufficient heat to the oil to make it rise through the wicks to keep up an undiminished Splendor or nearly so for 2½ hours, when I snuffed and raised the wicks and left the light burning in full Splendor — a little past 11 O'Clk — (Mrs Shaw &c had a Sympathetic Call from Susan Howland — She had one a few days ago from Mary Card & Hannah Leonard as a Com.ee of the M.y. M.g. on acc.t of my Hs withdrawal — and attendance at the Episcopal Ch.h — they were extremely kind in their manner and M. C. especially evinced a very affectionate sympathy with us in our domestic affliction — Our dear daughter having been in the habit of calling to see her occasionally when on little matters of business with her daughter Mary Eddy — which had inspired her with a strong interest in our beloved Child — Went to the N.l Lot with E. Hall J.r 7.th day 12 The experimental lamp went out in the night time not known about 2/3 of the Oil consumed — Went to the C.J. House &c after breakfast — and gave my attention to business here. at the Fast &c

through the day — went in the afternoon to the Depot and to the N.o Lots — E. Hathaway and another being engaged this afternoon in fencing up the Street that has been some time opened and which I now propose to put in passable order to be used when wanted for a St. and in the interim improved for pasture — The boilers are got into the house and but for some alteration in the Furnace front would have been in their places — made another experiment with my improved lamp with a two wick — the slight pellicle or superincumbent Stratum of Sp.t of turpentine made it flash off with great Splendor, the Glass requiring to be depressed as low as the wicks — it continued to burn from 9 1/2 to 11 when I retired without apparent change of intensity. — at 2 Oclk. it was about going out. removed the coal from the wicks and by raising the Glass its Splendor was in great degree restored, at 5 it was nearly out again — raised and snuffed the wicks — but it burned dimly and went out about 6 Oclk — on exam.n I found that about 28/29 of the Oil (9/10 of a pint) was still in the lamp hence .6882 of a pint was consumed, time of action 8 1/2 hours — on a former trial of my less perfect lamp the Oil was all consumed without touching the wicks — the Oil (Right whale in both cases) was then more recently made — and as this

kind of oil depreciates rapidly after it is caught or manufactured by the atmospheric action. I ascribe the imperfect combustion in this case to the depreciation thus incurred —

1st day 13 — In the morng. poured the remaining whale oil out of the lamp — and refilled it with Spermaceti oil from the graduated glass cylinder which Jer. Winslow procured in England probably in 1816 to measure the water in the Rain gauge at the same time brought out — it took the tube twice full + 15/50 = 1.15 of the graduated Scale of Oil and then admitted of the addition of 3/50 of Sp. turpentine — whence it follows that 118 parts of B.C. Scale is equal to 9/10 of 1 pint — and One of O.C. divisions = .007627 of a pint. — See note of 4th inst.

Sue & Ellen walked before breakfast to the Cemetary to meditate & strew flowers over their dear sister & cousins Graves. I attended meetings at Friends House Spring St. the others of the family at Grace Church — Bro. Wm. who has lately returned from Irondale Penna. called to see us in the afternoon — Susan Smith was at meeting & spoke — cong.nal small many friends have gone to Newport to attend the Yearly meeting — Mr. of Springfield officiated at the Episcopal Ch. and he called here in the evg — Isaac Francis also called to see me in relation to my wharf at Fall River — filled my lamp with Sp.m Oil with a pellicle of Sp. turpentine — it burned with low wicks from 7 till nearly 8 O'Clk with morng the wicks — leaving 2/118 of the Oil in

consumed —

2d day 14th Went pretty early to the whf
te — Called at I. Francis on the way — Spent
the forenoon in attend I. to sundry matters
of business and the afternoon in writing
out a description of our improved Chim
ney to send to J. W. P. Lewis — which de
tained me till near the close of the afternoon
when I came home to a late dinner and
did not return — occupied in looking
over the report of the Com. of Patents for
1846 — In which are statements of a
great variety of Patents for apparently
very trivial objects — which contrasts
strongly with Keller's Ingenuity but
I incline that my Chimney has "no
feature of novelty about it to entitle it
to a patent" — Sister Lydia & Julia
Wright from Fall River called to see
Mrs Chen H & the family —

3d day 15th — I relighted the lamp filled 1st day
with Sp. Oil without doing more than remov
the crust of the wicks and raise them a little
the quantity remaining in the lamp being 27/120 of
its capacity I found the lamp out in the
morning and the Oil all consumed — a
little of the Oil had passed down the Central
Air Cylinder occasioned as I suppose by the
closing of the junction of the burner with its
seat by the action of the R. W. Oil — To ren

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idy which defect I have had the opening for the air Cylinder in the burner slightly enlarged so as to fit less snugly and three perforations in the flange and the rim of its seat so that they may be made to coincide or not at pleasure - I was occupied through the day with my business at the Oil House &c — had some consultation for removing my Oil works round Jump to the main building so as to expose the vanes to the free action of the wind from the top of the building and to have the reservoirs at that high elevation so as to carry the water with force & effect over the Oil Shed to preserve the Shed roof while it will afford a great protection & resource against fire in that rather insecure vicinity — walked to the N° London E. Hathaway & another is at work on the new Street — Evg. at home writing for the Steamer of tomorrow — Exchanged the lamp with whale Oil recently manufactured and it burned with great Splendor from 8 to 11 — when the Coal was removed and the wicks raised — and relighted — .... The lamp was out in the morning 8/10 of the oil unconsumed

4th day 16th Recharged the new lamp with Right Whale Oil, the Same kind as used last evg - viz with 125 parts of the Graduated Glass of Oil and about 1½ parts of Sp.t of Turpentine for the Superincumbent Stratum - the larger quantity now taken than when measured in on the 13th as Stated in my Mem.d of the Same on that day viz 8½/118ths Shows Some inaccuracy probably, as the wicks were the Same exept as slightly reduced by burning - the lamp being quite full in both cases - Engaged at the Factory the most of the day - the two remaining boilers being then were landed this morng and got into the boiler House - Mr Hoggs was also here and left in the 5.0'Clk train to return - He found things had got on well and gave his men the necessary instructions - proposing to be here again in about a week or when we begin to raise the Steam - evg at home tried again the Experimental lamp as prepared this morng - Lay'd the wicks even with the burner till time of lighting - It burned with a beautiful and intense light three hours when I left it without cruel & without much deminution of its Splendor, the wicks untouched - for the night

5th day 17 found the lamp out this morng 38 parts of the oil unconsumed - Recharged it with 126 parts R.N. Oil from Factory & 1½ Sp. Turpen.e - Engaged at the Eg House the most of the day - Evg at home

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mother and Sister Elvira being with us at tea — used my new lamp again — it burned with unimpaired Splendor about 3 hours when it was extinguished and soon after mother & sister Elvira left us — there was a distress sounding cry in the Street — It proved to be made by a drunken Sailor that the Constable was taking to the Jail — 6th day 18th — The lamp was found with 76 parts of Oil remaining in it, shows that $\frac{52}{128}$ of $\frac{9}{10}$ of a pint had been consumed = .39 of a pint @ 50¢ ℔ Gallon = 2/3¢ for 3 hours

7th day 19th The lamp burned about 2¾ hours with brilliancy when it was extinguished qu.y. consumed $\frac{45}{128}$ of 9/10 of a pint ℔ N. Oil — Wrote a letter to my uncle Wm Slatter to the bridge — and sent it to my brothers Andw & Charles for their consideration made preparation for going to Falls River after breakfast and got off with Thomas in the wagon from the Cg House about 11½ A.M. Ar. at 1¼ and dined at the Slade House — Spent the afternoon after making a call at the Wharf chiefly in the Mitre counting Watuppa Cotton Mills making enquiries and observations on the different processes of manf — it being 8 Oclk. and having the appearance of rain we went to my bro: Ruggles' and spent the evg and ac-

cepted of their hospitality for the night
1st day 20th - The lamp I understand was
burned about 2½ hours last ev.g - With
R.W. Oil gup. consumed .34/128 of 9/10 pints
We (Thos. & self) rose early and after go-
ing to the wharf to see the Steamboat
Bay State - We set off for home, stopp.g
a few minutes at the Ledges - we had
a very little rain on the way, and got home
just as the family were going to breakfast
- I attended meetings as usual, and cal-
led at mothers about 12½ Oclk - set
out to walk to the Cemetary at the close
of the afternoon meeting but was turned
from my purpose by a little Sprinkling
of rain - lighted the lamp burned 2½ h. gup.
2d day 21st on tuesd.y the lamp this morn.g filled
having been charged with 127 parts of R.W.
Oil 4/128 added by dropping it on the wick
and burner of Spirits of turpentine) after
hav.g burned from 7½ to 10 Oclk with great
and increasing Splendor was found to have
consumed 50/128 of its charge say 50/128 of 9/10 pints
- I changed it in the same manner as yester-
day viz by filling it so as to close the orifice
up to the Charging orifice with R.W. Oil &
then added 4/128 of Sp. Turpentine by the wick
and burner - the gup. consumed last ev.g 45/128 of a pint
or 352/1000 at 50 ℔ P. Gl = 2 n/10 ℔ or nearly 3/10 ℔ P. hour

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Went to the C.J. Room and bank after breakfast — and Spent the rest of the forenoon at the C.J. Room Chiefly — Had a call from Jo. Grinnell esq. after dinner — to enquire whether I w'd be willing to let the Rail Road cross my land to be connected to the South wharves — I read his remarks and told him I w'd think of it and let him know — Soon after called on Capt. Paul Howland and A. Robeson — and remarked on the injury it would be to all the property North of the bridge — I conceived it would go far towards destroying all hope that the impediment offered to the Navigation by the bridge would be removed and if the draw were widened as desired, the benefit of such improvement would be in great degree neutralized by the superior facilities which the wharves below would offer to vessels, over those above the bridge even with the best constructed draw, other things being equal — as they would be to a great degree by running the Rail road near the Stairs of each — Soon after I committed my views to paper in a letter to Jo. Grinnell and handed it to him — Called on my way to the Store at the Session room of the Board of Aldermen in the Town Hall to make some enquiry

about the Light House lamps with respect to any new lamps as adapted to that use — he having formerly for many years had the Care of the L.H. on Clarks Point — found Rodman at our house spending the evg — which obliged us to postpone still the visit which we have been long desiring & intending to make to his father's —

3d day 22 — The lamp burned about 1 1/4 hours last evg with great brilliancy last evg. the qty R.O. oil consumed 28/100 & 2/10 of a pint including 1/128 of Sp. the pendulum Went to the Fact. before breakfast. Spent most of the forenoon in devising the desirable dimensions for my new lamp to be tried at the light House — Serv.t of the day Chiefly at the Cg. House &c rode to & Hathaways after dinner to pay him for his work on Merrimack Street — Spend the Short evg after dusk at home —

burned the lamp about 1 3/4 hours qty. of Oil cons 34/128 & of Sp. 1/128 of 9/10 of a pint or 31/1000 of a Gl = @ 50¢ to about 1 1/2¢ — The Rail Road Stockholders referred the subject of building a wharf & extending the Rail Road Southerly, to the decision of the directors, at their meeting to day —

4th day The lamp burned about 1 3/4 hours last evg with its usual brilliancy qty consumed ~~1/128~~ I was at the Cg Hse &c most

of the day - & till the shades of evg stopped my labors — rem.d of the short eve.g at home — up rather too late to make a call with ma chere ~~M.~~ at our Sister Sarah's, where we have been for a long time wishing to go — I called twice at Mr. Thompson's room - to see and make some suggestions relating to the portrait which he is painting of our dear Mary — burned the lamp about 2 hours eve.g consumed 37½/128 of its Capacity as heretofore mentioned —

5th day 24th Engaged through the day at the Oil House and factory — in the afternoon chiefly in attending to the lining of the matched plank Cistern in the attic from which the Water has subsided in the two months that we have stopped our operations, so as to leave more than half the sides dry — the Shrinking of which without some means to swell the wood in advance of the filling up will cause great trouble and damage — we have therefore put a lining of old cotton bags which we purpose keeping saturated with water — This job which I had to take chief part in detained me till about 9 Oclk — burned the lamp about 1½ hours — eve.g P.M. Oil & consumed 16/128

6th day 25th Spent the day much as yesterday much devoted to the Factory

preparations — Sent a man to the top of the Chimney to knock out the metal flue — Went up a ladder with him by means of which he got over the Cornice without difficulty — he used the circular brush (we suppose) with good effect — a considerable quantity of fine ashes being dislodged — I assisted this afternoon in covering the outside of the Water Cistern — with Cotton bags to be wetted — rode to my north lots this forenoon to advance the work on "Merrimac Street" — which will soon be in a good Shape — to be accepted if the City Council should see fit, without material Expense for years to the Town —

7th day 26 — Occupied with the concerns of the Factory chiefly through the day — gave further attention to dampening the plank Cistern tried the tin Syringe presented to my Chem. by Uncle Dean, but found it too imperfect to be useful — propose trying the brass Syringe tomorrow — Dr. Schl. Hume with a load of Coal for the Factory as to day — and arrangements were made Sandy to put conveniently in the pen already prepared but requiring a hoist unnecessarily high till nearly full; therefore had one Section (16) removed to the 2d. or middle Gist —

Mother & Sister Celia were with us at tea — I availed myself of their return in the Carriage to go to the Factory. where they are fill'g the steam boilers by hand. to prepare for Start'g the Steam Engine

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1st day 27th Went to the factory before breakfast to examine the boiler & Chimney flues and to take a Salt water bath — I attended mgs. as usual — and saw Henry Blood — read the bible & the preface to Geo. Fox Journal & in the eve — went to see my Sister Sarah & family — She seems very sad — Hy. Blood called at our house in my absence

2d. day 28th Went to the Cg. Hse. & R.R. Depot before breakfast, rode home with my nephew J. W. Rodman who took his father in law thither — Occupied for the remainder of the day at the Factory & Cg. House Came home at Dark, and found Mr. & Mrs. Wildes making a call — Henry Blood called at the Cg House in the forenoon

3. day 29th Occupied at the Factory & Cg. Hse. most of the day and till the Shades of Eve put a stop to my writing — The Small engines were just at work last night but the Steam Valve of the Supply Engine on acct. of its being a little to closely fitted to its box — was stopped by the expansion so as to require a force to move it to great for the arm for that purpose & the latter was broken — the 5 Po. boilers were however filled by that or the other Small Engine — Mr. Hogg did not come this eve as was expected — a letter announces his intention to be here tomorrow when prob. the large Engine may be started

gave some attention to the alteration of the S. front of Mothers' Stone Store required by the proposed Grading and Flagging of Redman Street.

4th day 30th Went early to the C.H. House and was occupied chiefly there till 3 P.M. - after Dinner went to the factory where I saw Mr Hogg who arrived this morng - The large Engine was started - and moved with such celerity & power as to be alarming - The Valves being so as to permit when closed Steam enough to pass to make a vacuum in the Condenser - which of itself gave it great power as no machinery was on - an additional valve behind the Throttle Valves moved by the governor is deemed necessary and ordered - Some impediment also seemed to check the action of the Condenser - on the Trial - The pumps for the first hour or two did not work well supposed to be owing to the air which had got into the long Conducting logs, but finally both the new independent Steam pump and the lifting pump attached to the small engine appeared to act well and the former with great efficiency - I spent the rest of the day at the C.H. House. found our nephew

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Rodman Morgan on my return he expects to set off to morrow for the Yellow Springs Phila for his health which is delicate

5th day 1 — Took breakfast before the family to go early to the Cg Hse. to prepare for the Bank Meeting &c — Spent the day in attention to the affairs of the Cg Hse, Factory & Oil Works — & at the Cg Hse. to bring up my Journal balances which require more continuous attention than I could command in the day — William Swift and his bride (Edith Perry) our dear Mary's most intimate friend, set off this morning for Boston to embark as soon in the Steam Ship for Liverpool. The day not very propitious — may blessings attend her and them. We shall always feel a peculiar interest in them and what concerns her for our dear daughters sake — whose noble qualities she was of a character to appreciate, and to whom through the early Stages of Childhood and till death closed their intimacy and companionship she was ever kind and true.

6th day 2. Went before breakfast to the Cg. House — and was engaged there and at the Factory through the day, and till very late in the evg. at the desk — Our arrangement for starting the Engine I anticipate will be Complete, & We expect to morrow — The arrangt of the hot air flue to dry the Yarn on the Drums are finished to my mind and I hope that this may be the opening for a brighter Career to our Concern than the past — and that I may thus be chased under the load of toil to which I must expect when there for a long time to be Subjected as it regards the financial affairs by reason of the great indebtedness of the Concern

7th day 3. Detained at home some time after breakfast — in fitting a Shade to my Thermometers to prevent the direct rays of the Sun falling upon them at this Season at the 2. daily Observation, and in attaching a cord to the Sliding frame of the Shade bath — then repaired to the Factory and saw the large engine in operation which appeared to go very well, some few things yet requiring attention to make the pipe tight and the appendages Strong

to warrant full confidence, gave some time to the finishing work in the factory — and after despatching the necessary letters & took a hearty dinner & went to Fall River in the Wagon getting off at 3 Oclk — ar? at 5 20/60 h. — and called at the R R depot expecting to see Son Thomas who went to F R. this morning in the Cars — to make enquiry on sundry points of the cotton manufacture — saw bro? Micah & Wm Robeson & Ed Weld. who informed me that Thos. was to return with Sam Crane Fred. — saw him and introduced him to Benj? C Luther & Stephen Davol — and he spent some time with the latter at the Quequechan Mill — after leaving him I went to the wharf by the Rail Road — and saw my men and the progress of the work — The raft for the foundation of the outer portion of the S? Wall of the north wharf is partly made — from the logs left of last year — the work being delayed by the slow supply of the new contract by Miller — thence to the Quequechan Mills or Pocasset office and worked till 11 Oclk perhaps for my monthly Settlement with my workmen then went to my brother Ruggles, and took a light supper and retired — after having disturbed him & my Sister to receive me at so late an hour — much more than I expected or was willing to do

1st day 4th Rose early and after drawing
the Shells for my Workmen I partook
of the bounty of my Sisters table, which seem
wer ready for the wayfarer, before the fam
ily were up, and after calling at B.C. Bro-
thers set off for home and arrived at the
hour of meeting which I attended - re-
mained at home in the afternoon (by accident)
and after tea walked to the Cemetary & medi-
tate over the Grave of our dear Henry. Strewed
with the recent flowers near there. By the hand
of affection, fit emblems of her innocence
purity and truth. The evening was lovely &
with the scene, was all in harmony with the
hallowed recollections of the Sweet benevolent
the bright intelligence and cheerful Spirit
which was ever prompt to add to the hap-
piness of others we careful to inflict
no wound by act or expression - which
so endeared her to the family and numerous
friends - virtues which having their Spring
in religious Sensibility and Sustained by
pious trust - christian faith give us the consoling confi-
dence that her happiness now far tran-
cends that from which She is withdrawn
and to which She so sweetly ministered here
below - The Streets were thronged with
people - and many had been in the
same direction of my walks, In re-
turning I stopped to hear the Sermon at
the Unitarian Church, which was practi-
tical and edifying -

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2d day 5th This has been a genral holyday. the anniversary of our national independence being Celebrated — but I have been employed at the Cf House through the day and eve. including the factory Concerns in the Mill & office, where Thos and myself came at a very late hour — we hope to start the Mill to morrow

3d day 6th In consequence of the late hours at the Factory last eve. — I did not go from home till after breakfast — found that the Engine was at work, but the hands were dispirited at the somewhat reduced wages and therefore the work to day has been but inconsiderable — appearances are however favorable for better success to morrow — Some detention from the heating of some of the main journals — obliging the Mill to be Stopped — Means were taken to give more Stability to the Willow in its new position — and numerous other objects taxed our attention & vigilance fully — It was found necessary to change the wheel which gives motion to the Shafting of the weave Shop — which will require the work of the Dept & Machinists all next. I was somewhat occupied in facilitating the operations by procuring the aids of D.R. Pierce and one of his men to make an opening in the tower over the main up-

in the shafts, where the men had to work to let the hot, to let the heated air pass off — I wrote late at the C.J. House and returned home at 12 o'clk

4th day 7th Engaged at the C.J. Hse & factory & through the day, gave some attention to the project some time since formed of putting my windmill on the top of the Oil works to pump salt water for wetting the Oil Sheds &c &c — Sent the cog after C. Briggs & Mr. Leach ordered whose services and advice I had bespoken to carry out my plan I wrote till a late hour —

5th day 8th Went to the C.J. Hse & bank & devoted the remr. of the day to the duties of the C.J. Hse & factory — Came home early and rode with Mrs Chew & to the Cemetery to strew some flowers on our dear daughters grave — and indulge those melancholy thoughts & feelings of a sacred interest suited to the occasion & the place — Ch. Randall called and spent an hour with us after our return — and Saml & Jesse Fassons & their br. Robt called while we were gone

6th day 9th At home before breakfast — immediately after went with O'Connell to the Cemetary to water the arbor vitae hedge which surrounds the lots of the family and moisten the turf which hides over our Dear Mary's remains. — The flowers, the tribute of her mothers affection, deep & undying, were

fruit and foliage, found but fit emblem of the holiness which characterised our dear daughter. — The remainder of the day I devoted to the business of the Cg. Hse Factory &c. — Some trouble with the Factory Girls on acct. of the wages. Six of them left — A.G. Hull & I talked kindly to them, alleging that the lower rate now paid were still higher than in most other similar establishments, and that the reduction was on our part the result of necessity, and not of choice — Isd. today the drawings to illustrate the Specification which J. W. P. Lewis has made of my late Chimney Improvement to applying for a patent — Our dear Sue made a tracing of one of the sheets on tissue paper this eg — using my P.W. Oil lamp which burnt with great and steady splendor for 3 hours, on trying the temperature of the Oil I found it to be 240° of Farenheit

7th day 10th Went to the Store & R.R. Depot before breakfast — afterwards applied my time to finishing at the Copy which I began last eg. of J. W. P. Lewis's Specification & to the business of the Factory, called

on the Rev Mr. Wildes to show him the drawing of the Chimney and suggest his writing to Mr. Page One of the assistant examiners in the Patent Office relative to my invention, Mr. P. being a relative of Mrs W— which he kindly promised to do— We had another Sister Eloise visit us at tea — She made a tracing of the 2d Sheet of the drawing of the Factory Chimney.

1st day 11th Went with O'Connell to the Cemetary to strew some flowers & water the trees & grass. procured some moss from the adjacent woods to place round the hedge trees & to fill a tin vessel sunk in the ground at the head of Dr. Mary's Grave and preserve the freshness of the flowers placed therein — Went to mg. as usual and read the news of the day at home — My reading has been chiefly the 4th Book of Moses — called after tea to enquire after mother's health and to see A.G. Snell preparatory to my leaving town for Fall River to-morrow. Rev J.S. Abbot & wife & daughter called to go to church with Susan & Ch. Randall was here in the ev'g—

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Left home about 5 Oclk in the wagon with Isaac Francis for Fall River and arrived there about 8 1/4 — went to the Lodge and attended the Mng. of the Bounty Co'y. which was attended by all of the brethren except Andrew. to settle with Wm Slade Clark Chase & Stephen Davol — after accomplishing the business — went with Micah to dine — and afterward gave some further attention to my private business set off on my return about 7 Oclk and drove to the Factory to deliver some blankets to wrap around the Steam pipes.

3d day 13th. Spent the day chiefly at the Factory &c — learned that the experiment of shortening the cut off had not been successful yesterday and that more coal (5 tons) & more Speed was the experience — which seems inexplicable — on the supposition that the valves were altered the right way — there is also some trouble with the governors, indicating dissatisfaction with the price I bought at — So that things look very discouraging — I wrote for Mr. Hoggs to come and see if he could put things right — Came home a little after dark and found Mr. Wildes here who kindly gave me a letter to Mr. Page one of the Patent Examiners — touching my Jack Chimney-

4th day 14th Did not go to the Cf. Htse. before breakfast - but found after getting there that the weavers had left the factory with a few exceptions - They demand 30 p. Ct. instead of 28 - conferred with Several of the Stockholders who united in the opinion that we Should not yield to their demand - and measures were taken to obtain others if - they Should hold out - But in the afternoon I was glad to learn that they had returned to their work - on learning from the superintendant that no more w. be paid - The Engines seem to work with less effect - for the fuel consumed - by a great deal than we had reason to expect - the water in the pipe and Cylinders is probably the Cause - C. W. Morgan and his sister Eliza & Susan with Wm & Sue left in the 5 Clock train for Penna & N. York - Called at Mothers -

5th day 15th Went to Amy brother Benj. a. before breakfast and to one or two other places on business - Ezra Hathaway & others began to cut the Grass at the North lots to day. Mr Hoyt a. from

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New York to day to see to the difficulties which impede the best action of the St.m Engine - and he has taken measures to remove them — I had a conversation with Edmund Gardner and Abm Russell about removg my building expenses to the award of the Referees - I gave them my reasons. and embodied them in a note addressed to the Cont.e of the Monthly Meeting whom they came to represent — Spent the afternoon chiefly at the Cg. House — eveg at home; Mother & Sister Elvira with the family at tea - I did not know that they were here and making no use of the 3d Meal was not then with them —

6th day 16 Went to the Cg. Room before breakfast, and was there most of the forenoon — devoted the afternoon to the adjustment of the Steam Mill account with Hoyt & Delamater, eveg at home after dark, and made trial of my new lamp, which I design to put into the hands of Capt. Merrill to get his opinion of its value for Light house use — — Ma chere H. communicated to me her wish to join the Episcopal Church on 1st day next - and that the daughters Sue & Ellen have

the same desire — I feel much sympathy with them in the concern through my views connected in Union with the denomination of our ancestors — It is a matter on which they, or two of them have long seriously reflected — and particularly since the death of our dear Mary, and I feel neither disposition nor the obligation to throw any obstacle in their path. — on the contrary they have my tenderest sympathy — feeling that to be governed and led by the Spirit and precepts of pure Religion should be but an additional bond of Union, and give a higher and holier Sanction to the dearest family ties, regardless of denominational differences of opinion — or doctrines ceremonies or peculiarities.

7th day 14th made preparation this morning for an adjustment of the Steam mill Co's. acct. with Hoyt & Delamater and then to take Mr. H. to Fall River on his return to Newyork. Called at Geo Trussey's in relation to this business before breakfast and then went to the Parker House & Store with the Buggy — finished the business with Mr. H. and then started — Stopping however for him to see J Grinnell at the R.R. Office relative to their Enquire for the new Cotton mill — left town about 12 O'clk and were at Fall River about 1 P.M — Dined at

the Mount Hope House and Spent the afternoon chiefly in showing Mr. H. the objects of interest in the Manf.l & mechanical departments — including the Steam machinery — I saw some. what to my own business — and took leave of him about 6 O'Clk. to visit the Lodge — Stopped at my Sisters a short time and then Set out for home. arriving about 10 O'Clk —

1st Day 18th Rose and took a Shower bath — breakfasted before the family and walked to the Cemetary to visit our dear Mary's Grave. and See that no evidence of neglect were visible at that Spot hallowed by the memories of one so loved and lamented. Returned to accompany my dear Wife & remaining daughters to the Episcopal Church of the Epis copal Church, as was proposed and previously arranged with the Rev. Mr Wilder — The Ceremony was quite private the Lefton only being present except Mr. & Mrs H. and our own family viz Sister P. & our Children the Sons Emyelf — The Ceremony was performed with affecting Solemnity the

dear Subject having become fully convinced of the necessity or expediency of the Step — and I therefore trust they will find a blessing to attend and follow it — We returned home & each of us remained at home in the forenoon — I went to the Mg. of Friends and in the afternoon with my dear Wife to her now adopted & recognized place of Religious Worship & Communion — I trust however that it will make no difference in our mutual love and respect. To obey the voice of duty, which when duly listened to & obeyed may be identified with the voice of God, constitutes the highest virtue & the highest happiness of man, and by striving each to understand & obey this voice, the tenderties of nature and affection cannot be hindered or weakened — Mr. Wilde called in the eve and I left to hear the lecture of the Rev. Jas. Parton of N. York Cor. Secy. of the Am. Temp. Union on the Temp. Cause. I afterwards went to see my aged mother and tell her of the events of the day —

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2d. day 19th This day has been almost exclusively devoted to Writing relating to the application for a patent for my improved Factory Chimney — it being necessary to go over the Specification &c from my friend and adviser in the case J. W. P. Lewis — Called a few minutes at Mathews and gave some attention to Factory Concern — wrote in the ev. at home —

3d. day 20th The forenoon was chiefly devoted to the Bellevue Estate — W. W. Harvard the occupant had g. come, prompted by his boarders to state that the restriction on the Sale of liquors, lost him much company — and to see if the owners would relax the rule — It cost us much time and walking to find A. Roberson, after we had been to Uncle Williams — my Uncle as in other cases left the matter to Aunt & myself — and we were quite decided to adhere strictly whatever might be the pecuniary loss to us. — Spent some time in consultation with Wm Dunbar & others in reg'd to the Pump which had proved deficient in the deep well — after finishing my letters for the mail &c I came late to dinner — After dinner I spent some time at Wood Brickmans Shop superintending the repair of my Store lamp and its adaptation to my new burner — which I found

in the evg with whale Oil - it burned with great steadiness and brilliancy - quite as well as Sperm Oil in the best argand or Solen lamps and was extinguished at 11 Oclk having about 3 hours - qu?. Consumed

4th day 21st At the Cg. Hse Factory & Oil coms (which they are digging a trench to carry the Salt water by means of logs from the present Iron reservoir to the building to be elevated by the wind mill now building to the top of the building to be used in watering the Sheds &c - through the day - Came home about 5 Oclk and after tea rode with mr. chese H. Sister & Frank in Mothers Carriage to the Cemetary to visit and Strew flowers on our dear daughters Grave and water the plants there - returned in the dusk of the ev - and then finished the evg. at the Cg. Hse - posting my books which the interruptions of the day do not permit me to do with Satisfaction

5th day 22 - Went to the Bank after breakfast and was occupied during the day at my several points of business. Dined at Mothers where I had occasion to Call at the dinner hour and continued my writing in the evg - getting home about 10 Oclk. passing Liberty Hall just as the crowd who had been to see the performance of the Viennese Dancing Children, & thus abet this desecration of humanity were pour-

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into the Street

6th day 23d. Chiefly engaged at the C. H. & factory through the day W. at home Mr. & Mrs. Ritchie – Mr. & Mrs. Hilles & D. Read were here in the eve.

Agreeably to previous arrangement Set off this morning (7mo. 24th.) after breakfast with Aden G. Snell for Fall River – We arrived there about 11 O Clock and Spent the remainder of the forenoon in looking through the Iron Cotton Mill – Dined at the Stake house and Spent the afternoon at Linkin Cook's Mill & the "White" Mill & the armenian & the Metacomet – which examination took up the rest of the day – called at my Sisters & set off at 7 P.M. with Isaac Fraunces & his Son for home. Which we reached at 10 Oclk – and learned that Mother was with our family as was also Sister Ellen –

1st day 25th. Walked with our dear Ellen to the Cemetery before breakfast to make an offering of fresh flowers at our dear Mary's Grave, and to Sprinkle the Grass & Shrubbery which surrounds and Surmounts it with the hand of love – We paid also a small tribute of affection at dear Isaac's Grave – and stood over the Spot where the remains of D. Read's sweet daughter repose – which is elaborately marked & ornamented by artistic & Mechanical Skill the lasting memento of her parents Love

attended – meetings as usual – the others of the family who were out – at the Episcopal Church now the adopted place of worship of the others of the family – Jos. Wharton of Philadelphia called between meetings – and remained with our two elder sons through the afternoon – he seems to be an intelligent and amiable youth the son of my Cousin Wm. & Deborah Wharton –

Mr. Wilkes was here in the m^g – the latter part of which I spent with my Sister Sarah – was particularly solitary by the absence of her husband & Son – Her daughter Emily and Son in law Supply as far as they may their absence and do what they can to sooth under the deep affliction of their bereavement – She showed me several beautiful & consoling letters from her & Isabella friends –

2^d. day 26^th. Occupied through the day & m^g. chiefly with the business of the Factory – The Superintendant being absent in the forenoon more of my time was required – in the m^g wrote late to prepare my mind relating to the house which I built for James Gifford – having been called upon by the Rec. m: Concerning the Subject again – Jos. Wharton

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dined with us quite unceremoniously, having been left by the 10 O'Clk train, and departed in the afternoon Cars for Boston — He Spent the intermediate time with our Sons at the Factory Oil works &c he is a very promising youth —

3d. day 27 — Engaged at the C.J. House & Factory — completed as far as I had the Data the one mentioned yesterday — which detained me in the evg Sister Lydia — called to day on my family. here- ns rode over to see Mother &c —

4th. day 28th. Engaged at the Factory & C.J. house most of the day and after the evg Meal took a Solitary walk to the Cemetary to visit our dear Mary's Grave and Scatter Some fresh flowers — and water the Grass & Shrubs — It was a lovely moonlight evg. before I left, and I had to myself of mortal Sentient life this Sweet repository of the earthly remains of the departed to the Spirit land — I wandered some time

along the winding paths in appropriate meditations. and returned by the bright calm moonlight to the home circle — and remained with those whose thoughts & feelings were in unison with my own till the hour of retiring — Our Dear Sue gives us anxiety by her feeble health and the continued sorrow which preys upon her delicate frame and tender heart —

7th day 29 — Went to Taunton with H. G. Leach this morn to have some consultation with W. Mason about some change in our Card. machinery found him on the point of starting for Boston so that we had but short time. for talking on the subject — visited the Machine Shop where our machy. are near completion & returned in the first train from Boston — Spent the remainder of the day at the Office, Oil Works &c and came home early and passed the eve — with the family.

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6th day 30th — Occupied at the Factory C J House & Oil works through the day eve'g. at home — with Grandmother [my mother] & Sister Eliza D. Spooner also Spent the eve'g with us, — a sympathetic Call — he is very good & kind hearted man and he staid till the close of the eve'g. — I rode home with my mother & Sister and there to the C J House to secure my books after which Sister Eliza bro't me home

7th day 31st at the C J House factory & Oil works read the Trump. address of the Com. of the Town appointed on the occasion of the death of Philip Summons in Britnells new Shop last winter before going out the weather being rainy — and looked over several papers after dinner — eve'g at the C J house

1st day 8mo 1 — Walked to the Cemetary before meeting to meditate on topics appropriate to the resting place of the mortal remains of the departed among which are now embraced those of our dear Mary and niece Isabel the affectionate little Sister of each had on the last eve'g eve'g paid a tribute of fresh flowers, to which I added a few and watered the turf on or which they reposed — I met Dr. Read who I supposed had been

to visit the Sick connected to his Dr daughter — attended Friends Mt in the forenoon and in the afternoon went with my dear wife to her place of worship where she had in the morng with satisfaction and comfort participated in the observance of Membership for the first time — Mr Salter gave us a very good Sermon in the absence of Mr Wilder — The Mtg of the day at home. Had Sch. 2d day 2 — At the Cy House before breakfast and during most of the day — Ex. Cy at a Mg of the trustees of Friends Academy at the Office of my Uncle Wm Rotch Jr — On the proposal of Mr Phillips of Andover — The evidences of his qualifications made a very favorable impression, but another individual of very promising qualities having been heard of and some measures taken to ascertain if he could be obtained if the eligible & more full knowledge — a decision was postponed. & the Secy instructed to call another Mtg when better informed on the Subject — Sent my lamp to Capt. Merrill for another trial

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3d. dup. 3. Rose early with the expectation of Setting off in good season for Fall River to make my monthly Settlement with my whf. workmen — But having learned at the Factory that the main wheels which set the machinery in motion were so badly worn as to make it doubtful whether the mill could be run with Safety — I was detained at the consultations and Subsequent measures to remedy the unexpected difficulty — The Mill was stopped about 9 Oclk. and the Superintendent had the Shafts raised from its seat which had become very badly worn so as to throw the upright Shaft from its Centre in line with the main horizontal Shaft so that the cogs cut across and wore very unequally on the Smaller wheel — and a new Cogg Step was cast to reset the Shaft into proper position — I left home about 10 Oclk A.M. about 3½ P.M. stopped to make a visit at the ledge before going into town thence to the whf. and Postoffice, and at 10 h to my Bro. Micah's to Supper — found that my Sister was unwell with a cold & had retired —

4th day 4th Rose early and repaired to the Pocasset Office to complete my Settlements with the workmen, which accomplished about 7½ Oclk — then went to the whf. — where I saw men laying the South wall of the North wharf, under very favorable circumstances — with good Stone and Still & Clear Water — Soon after took my departure home. and ar. about 11 Oclk — Was gratified to learn that the Mill was running — which it is thought may be continued, till a new wheel can be prepared which will require a few days to have it Completed, — Saw Geo. B. Holmes at the Factory, who was sent for by Haskell & Randall to give his judgment as to the Cause of the difficulty — he imputes it mainly to the too small size of the 1st Gear wheels — but the fact that the smaller wheels which before carried the same weight without unusual wearing — refutes the idea that it was chiefly owing to this Cause — he recommends a Cog wheel on the main

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Chafe for the first motion playing into a hor: wheel of suitable size which doubtless good advice and we shall probably follow it — Applied myself to C.E. duties &c — e.g. at home Mother & Sister Elsie being here at tea &c — I wrote late after they retired home —

5th day 5th Chiefly occupied at the C.E. House — where I was till 10 P.M. and came home through a heavy rain storm

6th day 6th Engaged at the C.E. House in the morn: — forenoon detained at home in looking over the late papers — Pele at the C.E. House and Oil works where the arrangements for raising salt water to the top of the building by wind being nearly complete — e.g. writing at the C.E. House —

7th day 7th Occupied through the day chiefly with C.E. House duties and factory business — looked over the Boston papers after dinner and remained at the C.E. House till late.

1st day 8th After my weekly morning ablution I took breakfast and walked to the C.E. House to get my glasses left there last e.g. — called a few minutes at the Engine House where the Sup't & men were putting in the new wheel, an unpleasant and laborious job — necessarily performed on this day of the week when practicable on

acct. of the loss of time which it must occa-
sion call upwards of 100 Operatives — It is
to be hoped that the irksome necessity of thus
appropriating the day by any of the hands will
soon be in great measure superceded by the
correct adjustment and desirable move-
ments of the machinery — I then contin-
ued my walk to the Cemetary to visit
our dear Mary's Grave and indulge in the
Meditations congenial to the place & the occa-
sion — attended friends meeting and
was edified by a Sermon & prayer by our
friend Susan Smith — called at Mothers
and learned that Dr. Read had been sent for
to visit my niece Anna Robeson who has
been sick a week with Dysentary — Sem.
of the day & eve. at home; Charles Randall
called: — also Isaac Francis about
the Fall River business — read as much
as an interesting acct. of the Charity School
founded at Marsilon Ohio by my Aunt Char-
ity Hotel by the provisions of her will — She
was a warm hearted and sympathetic
woman, the benefactor of the poor and
distressed in her life time and she has given
a flourishing and endearing institution for the
children of Zion of the present and future

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who will for an unmeasured period in the future assist and have the most cogent reasons for blessing her memory.

2d day 9th — Went to buy bro T. Bevis before breakfast on business, taken thither from near the R.R. depot by my bro Andrew who has gone to Falls River to take D. Read again to see Anna Gibson he reported somewhat encouragingly yesterday — I was occupied at the C.J. Hee & factory through the day & till late in the ev — The new wheel appearing to wear somewhat as did the other —

3d day 10th Employed with slight intermission at the C.J. Hee & factory. Had a call from Mr Dodge of Dodgeville who gave us a specimen of the cops made on a Ring & Traveller Spinning frame by an improvement made by his Son which he thinks is very valuable, and will give the palm of Cotton Spinning to this frame over all others. — He is just now securing the invention by letters Patent in England & France as well as this Country — Late at the C.J. House over some Jour returns of Oil consignments — called at brothers

4th day 11th Occupied chiefly at the factory & Oil works throughout the day — making arrangements for securing the demand & expected cargoes of Coal and in attending upon some measures

to make the wood mill pumps work which we have not yet succeeded in doing — mem. of the day meals except ed at the C.J. Hse, and till near 10 in the ev.g — The accounts from Amos Robeson are favorable

5th day 12th had a call from Wm Almy at the Friends and had a long conference on the subject of our Govt — and made sundry comparisons which did not discredit ours — mem. of the day at the C.J Hse — E.J. at home in consultation with Ab Jehiah Leonard & his son Horatio and son Jon Edmund in relation to a Copartner ship between the two young men for the manufe of Oil at Mottoes works — The project seems eligible —

6th day 13th Engaged at the C.J House through the day — ev.g at home — Moth er & Sister Eliza with us at tea — I think the former seems feeble — I rode home with them & Sister E. did the same with me —

7th day 14 Occupied with the accounts of the Oil Fact.y with reference to the pro posed change of occupants or Superin tendants — ev.g till late at the C.J. House and much more time yet required for a full & satisfactory statement of the business in that line for the last few years. other concerns have prevented my

giving the usual attention to this branch of business

1st day 15th Walked in the morn to the Cemetary to visit the Spot sacred to the memory of our dear daughter — The visit of her mother and others last evg. left little for me to do Shows that She or it was not forgotten — Isabel's two had been recently strewn with flowers fit emblems of the loveliness and purity of the dear departed — As I was about leaving the house for my usual place of worship the alarm of fire diverted my steps to the Prussian Blue works which proved to be the cause of the alarm — I worked at the Engine till the fire was subdued — but not till a large part of the buildings were destroyed — Afternoon at Friends Meeting and heard Lindley Hoag — whose sermon was not very edifying to me — rem'd the day & evg. at home — Ch Randall called in the evg. as did also the Episcopal Clergyman who officiated for the day (Mr. Wist —

2d day 16th — At the Bank Directors mtg — & otherwise devoted to Cg Hs duties & the Water works at the Oil Manufy — a strong wind made the pump work

finely — filling the bbls. in about an hour — made preparation of the hose to lead it to the Shed but did not get the attachments completed — Sylvanus Leonard and Sinton over here again this evg — on the proposed business of the young men —

3d day 17th — Spent a good part of the afternoon in making trial of the arrangement for getting the Oil Shed — The hose first put up was found too defective, and it had to be changed after the repairs & one visit in the new or exchanged Section — the plan worked to entire Satisfaction, affording a very easy and effectual mode of supplying Salt water as may be desired — evg & the last of the afternoon at the Cg House —

4th day 18th At the Cg House through the day engaged on the labor and relating to the Oil Stocks — till dark — when I left hastily with a view of attending Lucretia Mott's Meeting — But as it was late I omitted it and passed the rem of the evg at home —

5th day 19 Set off at 6½ O'Clk for Fall River and spent the day there in ex

examination with C.H. Morgan & Mical the ledges on my & C. Mollis' land with reference to getting wall Stone for my remaining north wing wall which my present quarry will not supply of the desired quality without too much time & expense, and in consultation with my head workmen — traced out also the line of a proposed R. through my partners lot & present ledge — the result of my examination is was to open the ledge in C.H. Morgan's lot where the prospect looks favorable — he also having some view to getting Stones for a wall against his lot. Will after my wants are supplied to receive the mass of earth below the rail road which he has to remove, and thus make an available wing for cost us at small comparative expense — left F. Riv. about 7 & got home before 10 — 6th day 20th Principally engaged in relation to the most Successful discharge of a cargo of Coal in our Coal yard — at a higher elevation than heretofore — in the forenoon afternoon at the Oil House — we.

at home — Mother & Sister Eliza with us — I rode with them home to see my dear aged Mother safely into her House, after which Sister E. rode with me to the C.J. Hse and home again — 7th day 21st At home before breakfast — took some measures to let the water pass more freely through the hose for watering the Shade — the weight of the depending Section pressing the parts so closely together at the bend over the eaves as to impede the passage of the water — rem: of the day occupied at the fact. & C.J. House &c. also at the C.J Hse with my son Edm.d to regulate the labor and Relating to the Oil Stocks — The hose was tried towards eg — when the water was yet discharged very satisfactorily — the rings inserted near the upper end having remedied the difficulty heretofore experienced

1st day 22d Walked to the Cemetary in y. afternoon and disposed of a few fresh flowers on our dear Mary's Grave — Spent some time in tracing the walks of that depositary consecrated to the memory of the departed to the Spirit land — and returned to attend divine worship in my accustomed place — rem: of the day reading &c at home — took a pleasant walk in the garden after

tea and had a call there from Isaac Francis relating to the Fall River work

2d day 23d Occupied at the Cg. House through the day & eve – on the Oil Stock accounts

3d day 24th – Engaged much as yesterday preparatory to relinquishing that department of my business to the young firm "Rodman & Leonard" who have published their Co-partnership – Edm. was assisting me in the w.

4th day 25th – Occupied chiefly as yesterday – detained very late at the Cg. house – the last hour relating to my acct. with my Uncle William as Co owner in the Bellevue Estate – A.G. Snell & workmen were still later in attaching the Iron pipe to convey the water from the Condenser

5th day 26 – Read the recent intelligence before breakfast – including an interesting Article on death of Mr. Walter Editor of the "Times" who was the first to apply successfully Steam power to print – after great expense and indomitable perseverance, an application which in its results in diffusing intelligence among men is second only to the art of Printing itself quickening in an almost equal ratio

the wide diffusion of knowledge through the masses of men, on a limited, or world wide area — The idea is sublime, and the present age it may be hoped is the harbinger of the more perfect and exalted State of man on this earth — which vaLon and Telegrin authorises us to hope for, as in glorious contrast with the sad and sorrowful picture which history on the present age exhibits, so ill accordant with the capacities with which he is blessed — went to the bank after breakfast & to the Wks & Cg Hse — Chiefly engaged with the adjustment of Accts with my uncle and in writing up the "Rolled Wks" and "Estate" books — — e.g. at the Cg. Hse — Ian e.g. Mackenzie & some of the children visited the Cemetary in Mothers Carriage

6th day 24th Read the Letters Papers before breakfast Spent the day and e.g. Chiefly at the Cg. Hse. On the Oil Stocks Accts. and in Consultation and attention to securing with a substantial Chain our Coal yard in addition to the Iron band already there against the pressure of 1000 Tons of Coal

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On an octagonal base of 50 ft diameter
7th day 28th Spent the day Chiefly on
the Oil Stock accounts in the department
which has been in charge of my Son Edw.
through the day & evg – till 11 P.M. – The
Condenser of the Engine being out of
order the mill has not run to day –
and the low tide was improved to ex-
amine & clear out the mill where
the Salt water is drawn for that Con-
densation – My dear mother & Sis-
ter Eliza came here to tea but I was
not aware of the fact or I should have
been with them –

1st day 29th After my 1st Day M.M. ablutions
and breakfast I walked to the Cemetary
to pay a flowery tribute to our fallen Amber
and hold sweet communion with the
memories which cluster round the
Scenes associated with our dear daughter
I was quite alone of Mortal being of
my own race a solitary instance in my
visits to that Sacred Spot – and re-
turned by a retired pathway thus
avoiding the mean home the Sobriety but
on that busy quick Streets – Attended
M.M. as usual – and heard for the first
time a very feeling exhortation from
Wm Shave of Salem to the duties and

pleasures of a religious life and the friendship of the Author of all our blessings — In the afternoon — We had an offering from Rachel Howland — the first time that I have seen her at my. since the birth of her son — She was beautiful in person and in Spirit as usual — I called at Mothers after the 2nd mg — to see her and apologize for my absence the day before when she was at our house — Eve. at home Sally Hammond and Ch. Randall called — 2. day 30th Passed my secular business by being at the Q. House & Ch. W. Morgans before breakfast — on financial arrangements — which continue sometimes to oppress me — went to the Bank Directors mg after breakfast to the Q House & — most of the time after dinner & looking over the last Boston Paper — in attending to the hoisting apparatus in action to discharge the Cargo of Coal which is from Phil.a — this morning at the Q House — called up Charles Bush who has a Shop under me to see the action of my new lamp — and he fully coincided with me as to its superiority over the Solar or other lamps which he had seen —

3d. day 31st Attended to my business at the C.H. House & factory throughout the day and evg. Saw Capt. Jno. Howland long master of the Vessel for supplying the Light Houses and had a conversation with him about my new lamp for that dist. L.H. use - and sent him one of them for his own observation & experiment at his house that he might be able to form an opinion on the subject -

4th. day 1st Engaged at the C.H. House throughout the day & eve. till a late hour

5th. day 2d - Spent the day at Factory premises C.H. House & evg. at my Old Stock accounts - had a long call from Mr. Henry - of our agents House who introduced Rowland as a desirable agent for the purchase of Cotton at Mobile - had an examination of the cotton bot. at the Cactricola by Wood & Dallam for "Fair" - Cotton ordered by us - He & he should not rate it higher than Mid. Fair - gave him an order for 100 bales -

6th. day 3d Occupied at the C.H. House and so forth through the day evg. at home Mother & Sister Eliza being with us at tea - Chs. Randall also was here in the evg - I rode home to see my Br. aged mother safely out of the Carriage - and Sister E. declined the attention by riding back again with me Thos. is on a visit to John Hussey at his farm in Rochester since the 4th day [illegible]

7th day 4th I had purposed to go early to Fall River to see to my business there but was detained in Nant. till near 11 Oclk, when I set off in the wagon and got to the new ledge of Granite which the men have recently opened on C. W. Morgans land about 1 Oclk — It works very favorably — thence I went to the W.H. which also gets on well — thence to the Pocasset Office by the way of the Wharf to make my Settlements with the men at the preparation for which I was employed till about dark when I was called for by J Francis his Son in the wagon and I came home to finish the adjustment and return the Checks by J.F. on 2d day

1st day 5th Walked after breakfast to the Cemetary and took some Sweet and delicate flowers to place on the Grass beneath which the Remains of our loved Mary repose — returned by a retired pathway through the Woods Chancery Street & crossing at Roberson lots to Morgan street — attended Meeting as usual — and passed the rest of the day at home — J Francis called for a few minutes in the ev.g to ascertain about returning to Fall River in the morning — Thos returned from Rochester to breakfast yesterday morning

2d day 6th Attended to my Cg House and other business through the Day went to the Bay directors Meeting and Waned late in the ev.g

that the iron rod which encircled the Coal yard of the Factory had broken on 7th day ult. and had been replaced under the orders of Mr Snell — This fact gave me immediate anxiety especially as another load of Coal and the last was then in process of being deposited on the heap now near 20 ft. high in the Centre — I therefore planned with Mr: S. to have a strong Chain substituted or rather added in the night before more Coal shd be deposited — I was late at the C.H. House

3. day 9th Having awoke about day light my concern about our Coal yard prevented my Sleeping again — I therefore rose and repaired before sunrise to the factory and made the necessary arrangements for Securing the Coal if the present fixtures shd prove inadequate — and a large Chain Cable (1 In.) was stretched round it and Secured about 9 O'clk. when the business of recleaning the heap went on as heretofore with confidence in the Safety of the men and without fear for the Coal — passed the forenoon with Mr. Hawes of Fall River who came to adjust his account with the Depuis Co — all of which was done with mutual satisfaction — in the afternoon the Iron rod 5/8 in. again broke, but ample Security remained & the work was uninterrupted eve. at the C.H. House

4th day 8th — Attended to my business at

the C.S. House & factory Office — and continued my attentions there in the a.m. — Mrs Chase H. is not well to day so that she has been above Stairs

5th. day 9th At the Bank Directors mg. at the usual hour and engaged thro' the day & e.g. with factory business in correspondence and making Comparative estimates & Calculations to ascertain the relative value of Our Sheetings and those of the Merrimack Co — which detained me till a very late hour — the result being that our Goods w.h — sell for the same price are worth 8% more, the stock & work being supposed to be equal in both articles Mrs Chase H. still too unwell to be below Stairs. Dr. Read called to see her

6th. day 10th. Chiefly occupied to day in arranging and copying my Calculations referred to yesterday and in making some deductions therefrom Mrs Chase H. better but yet mostly in her room —

7th day 11th. I had expected to go to Fall River to day with C. H. Morgan to see after my whf. business — but the appearance of rain pre

vented our going — Occupied at the C.H. House chiefly through the day & eve —

1st. day 12 — After breakfast took my accustomed walk to the Cemetary and added some fresh flowers to those which remained yet beautiful by the recent rains among or on the green grass which covers our dear Mary's lovely bed — It is healthful to the soul thus to hold sweet communion with the translated Spirits of the lovely & gone on earth on occasions like these and at other times, and fit us for their reception of his Spirit, who with infinite benevolence is occasionally & we the oftener wish. viz for an entrance into our hearts, to elevate and assimilate us to and restore our fallen humanity to the Celestial image in which it is written, we were created — to clear away the clouds of error prejudice & Sin, which have accumulated in our earthly journeyings and restore us to the clear and Satisfying vision which pertain to the atmosphere illuminated by the Sun of Righteousness & — that of unblemished purity & truth —

attended Meg. as usual, and in the evening to the Unitarian Meg. and heard a very good discourse on the text give honor to whom honor is due — Hannah Tucker and Fred.k Robinson called & Chas Randall in the eve —

2. day Engaged at the C.H. House through the day Eve — detained there from Fall.

Rivers by the weather — It having rained very heavily this forenoon —

3. day 14th — Set off after breakfast with our sweet Ellen for Fall River. She to make a little visit at her aunts in company with her cousins Eliz. & Clara, who went by Rail Road — before resuming her studies at the Academy tomorrow under the new Preceptor Mr. Phipps &c — On the way the horse broke connect the Shafts with the axle. broke we — detained us a little while I refitted it with the bridle rein — I spent the time in examg. with C. W. Morgan his Shore where he is to build his Sea wall for a Landing — the ledge on his land where my men are now working for me & in a short time when my north wall is up they are to get out my Stone — Charles Stones — in Conversation with C. W. Morgan At the Pocasset Office with Mr. H Ruggles — who was out for the first time since his illness — and he is yet I fear far from well — I set off for home about 1/2 past 5 — Ellen joining the company by Rail Road — She having her cousins and visited the Pocasset Mills under the guidance of their father — found Mrs. Lydia Greene Spend the Ev. with the family — Phipps called here to day — and seems Mrs. who was Highly known to him as Miss

4th day 15th At the Office before breakfast

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and after breakfast went to the Academy to see Mr Phipps. but did not find him there — at 9 O'Clk I went again and had an interview with him — and was introduced by him to miss Wakefield his assistant. many children were there with the Fathers of several of them — The number of girls being about 40 & of boys about 20 — a larger number than was expected — I told him that a School of high character could be maintained — but not an inferior one — I devoted the rest of the day to E.G. the duties &c — Eg. at home — called to see mother and tell her how they were at Fall River. Sister Eliza took tea with us 5th day 16th Engaged at the C.G. House &c through most of the day. Benj Babcock called at the Factory & C.G. House — I was at the C.G House in the Eg — and on my return quite late I found that Benjamin Smith Son of Daniel had come over this eg. from Newport. He went the N.E. to Boston 6th day 17th Occupied before breakfast and through the day at the C.G. House. except some time given to our guest — Eg. at home — B.S. Smith went in the eg. to see my mother — as he had not found time to call during the day. He expects to return to Newport to-morrow morning 7th day 18th Went to the C.G. House before breakfast — after that meal went to the Academy and called at Mr Howes to see Mr Phipps about the work required to be done at the Academy premises — and took some meas-

ness to the Same end — applied this
morn of the day and eve. to the Concerns
of the Factory and Ct House — Francis
returned this eve from Boston whither he
went to see the exhibition of the Mechan
ic's Society —

1st day 19th Took my walk to the Cemetary
before breakfast as I intend the Enclosure
two young women were at our Dear Mary's
grave — I walked in another direction till
they retired, and I could not recognize
their persons from the distant point of ob-
servation — On succeeding them at the
consecrated Spot a profusion of flowers, in-
cluding I think by their apparition at hand
studded the grassy hillock — to which I
added a small contribution and after
watering the turf there and at Isabel's
grave I returned home — in both go-
ing and returning I avoided the trod-
den way and chose for myself a more
retired path way — attended Friends
meetings — and Called at Mothers
afterwards — to the Family part of a beautiful
& Excellent Sermon by Rich Deacon Han
I made a visit to my Sister Sarah, who
is yet in deep mourning for their Sudden
affliction to ours — Francis has
a bad Cold which confined him at
home to day — having by some means
contracted it during his Boston jaunt

2d day 20th Went to the Bank Directors mg - and afterward to the Cg House where I was also in the ev — The lamps were lighted up this ev in the Factory

3d day 21st Spent the day chiefly in attention to Cg House duties — had a Conference at Wilcox & Richmonds Cg Room on the Bridge question — a com having been rec from a Conv of that Corporation Bll Morgan & myself were appointed to prepare a com in reply — I was also the Cg Room in the ev — Elder Miller & Ch W Morgan were with the family in the ev — Francis confined to the house by his cold

4th day 22d Went to the Cg House before breakfast — In the forenoon I was called on by Henry Waterman of Newyork with a letter of introduction from S S Josselyn — his object being to make our Ship owners acquainted with his patent elastic tiller — for Steering Ships — I devoted the rem of the morng to M H & called at the Insurance offices and on many Ship owners — but he found but little encouragement — no one being willing to make the experiment. He ob-

pears to me to be a valuable improvement — In the afternoon I was mostly occupied by a call at the Cg Hse from Mrs Gifford about the claim which she has against Abiel Hatch who has applied for the benefit of the Bankrupt law — It took a good while for me to get at the facts of the case so as to make the acco.t in proper form — after the retired and till late in the ev.g I was at my Oil, Stock accounts —

5th day 23d Occupied at home in the morn.g and forenoon writing an answer to a Com.n from the Comm.rs of the bridge Cg afternoon at the Cg Hse. ev.g also — My mother was here at tea but I did not get knowledge of it till the lady returned, or I sh.d not have been absent —

6th day 24th At the Cg. House most of the day & eve.g — Called to see Mother and apologize for my absence when she was at our house yesterday —

7th day 25 Set off for Fall River in the Buggy about 9 O'clk — Stopped at the Bridge, where I found the workmen quite out of Stock for the teams — the ledge working not well for the

last few hours so that the teams took one trip in the forenoon and the rain in the afternoon stopped all of the work — I was at the whf. found the wall ready up for the N° whf — meas. it and the other ends rather hastily and made a rough drawing in illustration of the advancements — Spent some time in walking round the coloured depot. which they are already enlarging by a stone addition on the east end north division — and spent the rem.r of the time at the Postal office writing & conversing with Micah L C.W. Morgan — It is arranged that my own teams & Wade go on Charles job on 2.d day next — Started for home at 4h Ocl.k and ar.d about 7½ — rain storm during N.t

1.st day 26.th After breakfast took my accustomed walk to the Post followed by the memories of our dear Mary — The weather slightly rainy — wind easterly — giving a fresh & humid atmosphere not uncongenial in itself or in its effects in making the streets and pathways tranquil and vacant. to the feelings and thoughts befitting the occasion — the tender recollections of the loved & the departed — I exchanged some

of the faded for fresher flowers, and lingered in solitude in this vestibule of the Spirit land — to which our thoughts are salutarily allured by our affection for those who have been thither translated — and then came home through the moistening air refreshed and benefitted by the excursion to enjoy the meditations of the Friendly worship. — heard at the close of the day that Rich Lawrence the promising young man who was our guest about a year ago, had followed his Cousin to the Eternal worlds — after a slow consumption of the Lungs — At the close of the afternoon Meg I went through a hard rain to see my mother — and after calling at Andrews a short time finished the day at home — Read part of a Sermon by Arch deacon Hare, with which I was much less pleased than with that of last first day eve — Chs Randall called the latter part of the eve. — Sister Phebe's Cold is quite severe

2. day 27th. Went to The P R Depot after writing a letter to St. John N.B. to get it forwarded by the Steam Ship from Boston at 10

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attended to some business at the C. H. Office on my return to breakfast — To the Bank Directors mg — afterward and the day at the C. H. & Factory — & at the C. H. till a late hour

3d day 28th Went to the P. Road Depot before breakfast and afterward was chiefly occupied at the Factory & Counting house till moderately late in the eg.

4th day 29th At home till after breakfast then to the C. H. & Factory had a conference with A. Robeson relative to the former joint Occupancy of the Old work and the Apparatus there left by us — but without coming to any decision — At the C. H. in the afternoon till the hour of stopping work at the Factory — Although Mother & Sister E. was with the family at tea — the practice of some rowdies of Collecting about the premises when the girls leave the factory — making it expedient that several should be present to protect them from annoyance & insult — Mother was very pleasant. I went home with them — and then towards the Gate where the alarm of "Fire" then given. Joan met others returning, who informed that it was on J. Brownell's Store below the Town Corners in Union St — and that it was already mastered — when I faced about and came home —

4th day 30 Spent the day chiefly in attention to business at the Cg House and Factory — attended a meeting of the owners of the Wharves & Water Lots above the bridge to reply to the Com.rs made to them by the Bridge Coy — There were a doz.n or 20 — persons present — and the answer reported by the Com.te appointed at a former mg. was with some slight amendment adopted with great unanimity — Spent the eve.g in writing letters &c — one to my Cousin B. Rotch in relation to a patent for my improved Flues & Chimney —

6th day 1st mo. 1847 Occupied a considerable time after breakfast in arranging for warming the rooms of the house to suit the occupants the ensuing winter. — Devoted the rem.r of the day & eve.g to Cg House and factory business —

7th day 2d — Called at Gilbt Morgans & J. Francis' before breakfast with reference to bringing J. F. from Hale River — day and eve.g. Chiefly spent at the Cg House

1st day 3 — Breakfasted before the family and took a walk to the Cemetery and amid the Scenes of Nature and Solitude to indulge the elevating thoughts and tender recollections of the departed —

added a slight offering of fresh flowers to the unwithered numbers which our dear Ellen had strewed to the memory of her dear Sister — no human being was there but many robins were flitting in the Ground — visited Isabels & E Rs grave which also had fresh evidence of the recent presence of those to whom they were dear — On my return crossing in by-paths to Morgan Street. I met the Rev. Mr. Howe going to perform his Sabbath Service at the Haven of Cor — and I accompanied him to his fitriable hearers — Sad the Contrast was the moral delinquency of those with whom I was then surrounded, and the translated Spirits of the loved ones with whom I had been communing — in my solitary walk —

attend Meeting as usual and Called on Mothers and A. Roberson's at the Close of the last — ev.g at home. — at the Close of ev.g I had to attend to some Fall River Whg business —

2d day 4th Went to the R Road Depot to meet D. Francis before breakfast. after that meal to the Bank & made a call with reference to the election of Directors this afternoon found that E M. Robinson did not wish to be a candidate — devoted part of the forenoon to the rectification of the platform Scale. bot. some years since of L. Locke Boston which it now ap-

years was never properly adjusted
— At the Election this afternoon Chs. L.
Wood was chosen for the new direction —
— the preparation for lighting the lan-
terns on our Factory Office engaged
my attention [illegible] of the afternoon —
eve. at the Cg House with Edmund on
his account — N.G. Snell left home
this afternoon with his wife on an ex-
cursion of a week — which throws ad-
ditional duty on Thos — The lamps
on the Factory Office was very brilliant
3d day 5th At home before breakfast
rest of the day devoted to business at the
Cg House, factory &c — eve. with Edm.d at
the Cg House. My dear aged mother left
home to day in her carriage for Fall
River to be present at the marriage of
her grandaughter Mary Ruggles who
is to be married tomorrow to Benj.
Worcester, grandson of the late ven-
erable Noah Worcester who originated
the Peace Society, and who was till
his death its President — The young
Man is in poor health and therefore
the prospect for any niece is less
bright than on such occasions they
are wont to be to herself and friends
4th day 6th — Occupied as usual at
the Cg House and Factory throughout the

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trouble and anxiety — Our sweet Ellen
is quite unwell to day — She went to Sch.
this morng. with a head ache and returned
soon and went to bed with a good deal
of fever — Dr. Read saw her in the afternoon
7th day 8th Occupied chiefly at the
Cg. House of the Factory through the
day & Cog — at 2 P.M. went to
the Special meeting of the Bridg
Co. at the Pacific Ins. Co's Office
found but few there, and eight
was the whole number that came —
It was therefore judged inexpedient
to proceed to business, and the Mg.
was adjourned to 6th day of next
week at 10 O'Clk. A.M. — Our
dear little Ellen is much better to day
though not out of bed — Our friend
Mary Drinker took tea with the
family — I not with them as usual
as I rarely take the 3d meal — It w.
have been very pleasant to have met
her here after her long visit to Penn.
prior to her change of name & residence
in that State but she came without
ceremony — and her visit was unknown
to me till it was over. She is to
be married shortly to a Mr. Rugg

1st Day 10th — After breakfast I took my weekly walk to the Cemetery and enjoy the thoughts and recollections associated with the dear departed where mortal remains there repose and hold sweet communion with her pure & lovely translated Spirit — returned by a new and retired pathway crossing to Annawan Street before I took the direct course homeward — attended meetings as usual — when I was left to indulge the thoughts congenial with my feelings and the sense of my own imperfection — Wm Taber Son of Francis made a short exhortation in the afternoon — the interesting & instructive Biography of Oberlin constituted my reading

2d day 11th — Set off for Fall River after breakfast to attend the Pocasset Meeting and see after my business — or that of my men & teams for my br. C. H. Morgan — On arriving there found to my disappointment that Ch. front wall cannot be laid this year on acct. of the State of the bottom — a foundation of logs being necessary in Isaac Francis' judgment — thus his job must soon be suspended — and my filling in job to be begun — after the business of the Meeting was over we went to Micah's to dine where was mother well and bright — having enjoyed her visit and attending circumstances of Connected with Mary's Marriage very much. Nancy Maxwell rode over in Mother's Carriage to dine with Sister Lydia — but mother had

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day and eve- The establishment of a bright light on the Factry. Office commencing on 2d day eve- together with the frequent presence of Mr. Edwards one of the Police Officers, has pretty much put a stop to the congregation of loafers or rowdies about the premises when the operatives leave at eve-

Wm Wistar who came in Town yesterday, called at the house to day - met cheerfully had numerous other visitors.

5th day 7h. Went to the Cg. Hse before breakfast - and was occupied thro the day & eve about the Factory and at my own Cg. Hse business in part as the Factory Office. Where in the absence of the Supt. when Thos has to do what he can in fulfilg. his duties my presence is required — Continued my business till 11. P.M.

6th. day 8th Occupied from breakfast till 11 P.M. at the Factory Office. Chiefly - This being most convenient in the absence of Jas. S as Thos has to give his supervision most of the time in the Factory - The concerns of the Mill & its financial affairs giving me much

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a strong inclination to see and for once to ride on the Rail Road — which I encouraged — as the opportunity for all requisite care & attention in the presence of her friends was particularly favorable — It was therefore decided that She should let the Carriage return with Nancy Maxwell & Eliza only — and She returned by the Cars — in which as far as the junction at Meyricks — Alcat & Eliza and Julia Wright also accompanied her — I left in my wagon about Sunset and arrived a little after 8 — went to see how my dear mother had got home, but Stopping on the way to hear the Concluding part of Chs Simmis lecture on "Glory & Fame" which was replete with just sentiments and christian principle ably illustrated and enforced, — found her alone — Eliza being also at the lecture — and much gratified with her Rail Road ride —

3d. day 12th Engaged at the Cg. House & through the day Called at mothers in the morning & learned that She was very well though a little too early to see her — Cg. at the factory Office A.G. Smith came home this mg — his presence much needed — Frank not returned as yet —

4th. day 13th — Occupied at the Cg. House through the day & Cg — — and continued my work an hour or so at home — and till the new lamp had consumed its Oil say about 1 hour from ½ before 6 to ½ before 12 — 6 hours

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We were much disappointed at the non-arrival of Frank or any letter explaining the cause of his delay — 5th day 14th Engaged at the Cg. the factory. He through the day. came home when the Factory Closed in the expectation of finding mother here, but she was induced to defer her visit from the anxiety felt by us there Hy about Frank no intelligence yet from him — I do not feel much concern though disappointed that no letter has explained the Cause of his lengthened visit at Hanover. The weather I think may have induced his delay in returning —

6th day 15th Went to the adjourned meeting of the Bridge Coy — from 15 to 20 were there in place of my Uncle James Arnold appeared as his proxy — soon on my entering and before the M.G. was called to order — My Cousin James intimated to me that he thought I had better not be present, on acct. of my adverse interest as he supposed, as an owner in the wharves above — but as I feel no hostility to the interests of the Coy. of which I am a Member, and only wish that the wisest Policy shall be pursued, and am certain by decisions that such should be the course I am willing at all times to aid therein if permitted, or in my power to do so, — I did not think it best to retire — The M.G. being organised he as the representative of my Uncle by far the largest Owner, gave the direction to business — It was his judgment that no discussion as all the

be had as to the Condition of the Bridge or the Course to be pursued — and defeated a call for information from members present who had made a careful examination of the Structure — from the Secty. of the meeting — and on my expressing a wish for the information — J. A. took occasion to remark that were he in my position decorum & modesty would restrain him from taking any part in the proceedings — I made a few observations in defence of action — which I trusted was not justly obnoxious to the condemnation which had been passed upon it as overstepping the bounds of modesty & decorum — but a motion of adjournt was made and carried and thus the mg closed — the Standg Comtee. consisting of Messrs Borden Dr Spooner Shefde Reed, Wm J. Rotch & Thos S. Hathaway, with the addition of Wm C Rotch & Josh Perry, were charged with full powers to do whatever they might think expedient — and in case of diversity of views the question to be decided by the number of Votes. which may be cast by the members as the legal representatives of the interest of themselves & others in the Stock — On leaving the mg I came home and found that a letter written three days ago had been rec'd from Franklin giving the rainy weather as the Cause of his detention. — Thence

to the Academy to consult Mr. Phipps about some add.l School room furniture — to the C.H. Hse & returned at the close of the Factory in the evg — Mother having taken tea with the Family — also Sister E — I found also Chs. Ellis & Randall — Sally Russell & Abby Henry and a great many intimate friends and our own Frank who arrived quite well this evg — Many &c. &c. Any note and message sent by different hands from the R.R. Depot this day — At the close of the evg I accompanied my mother home, and then spent an hour or two in writing some letters which I was obliged to defer till a late hour — 16th day 16th — Occupied at the Co. Hse — Factory & through most of the day and till 11 in the evg —

17th day 17th After breakfast walked to the Cemetary and added a few flowers to the consecrated turf — The weather & light — fully pleasant harmonising with the serene recollections of our departed daughter — & with the calm and peaceful imaginings of the blissful Scenes which we trust are enjoyed by her now, but which to us who are behind lie only in the future returned in time for meeting at Friends' place of worship where the gratitude was favorable to thoughtfulness on the great interests connected with the Spirit land to

our dear Mary has gone. — Afternoon read one of the Nos of the Family Guardian — where the doings of a band of Christian women show the holy faith by which they are actuated, leading them to exert themselves for the elevation of morals and the promotion of the Cause of human happiness — Bro. Wm & Sister Rebecca and Fred.k Hodsman Called between Mgs. as did Walter Mitchell in the eve.g — Our dear Sue & Ellen Sang some hymns in the early eve.g — which led to vivid recollection the loved One who formerly blended her sweet voice with theirs — Ma chere H was at Mg. twice — but on returning for the night found herself indisposed so that Dr Reed was sent for — who being absent, gave occasion for a Call from D. Spooner — who thinks that a little Care and quiet will restore her to usual health.

2.d day 18.th Went to the Rail Road Depot to see J Francis before breakfast, — after at the Bank Directors Mg — where I was disappointed of my usual discount for paying the Factory Hands — had some evidence of unpleasant feelings towards me — was fortunately able to borrow to effect my payments — Ma chere H. better but in bed — stopped some time after dinner to adjust the lamp Shade

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to my new lamp — afterward at the G House &c Eve. devoted to the acc[t] of the Inmates of the Bellevue house N. W. Har and having come to make the annual Settle[t] 3d day 19th Gave the morning and forenoon to the examination of the accounts brot. by N. W. Harand against the Bellevue House about noon went in quest of A Robeson and with him met N W H again at my Uncles — To our Surprise Notwithstanding the great concourse of travellers and Strangers at Newport the Past Season, N. W. H States that they had not made enough to pay the Stipulated rent, and claimed an abatement to the Point of $2600 — which on a very different State of things we had by a clause in the lease authorised them to expect. The Shortness of the Season and not the deficiency of numbers was the ground on which they claimed the reduced price — To this none of us were disposed to yield, and so the matter was left as I supposed with the conviction on his part that the whole percentage viz eight or about the cost 40.000 which when reduced by the annual repairs & Insurance &c. not leave 6% for Int. and depreciation — As he had not brought over the money, I concluded to return with them (his own bro: Geo. being with him)

to Newport and there make the Settlement — left accordingly in the 5 Oclk Steamboat train and ar. at Newport in the St. of Rhode Island from Fall River about 8 Oclk — Examined the house & premises by moonlight &c and retired

4th day 20 — made a Statement of the deductions which sh. be made from H & Hs account, and after breakfast went out to see Harriet Holt and to the R. I. Bank — returned to the House — to make the proposed Settlt. but I found Mr. Armstrong with the lease maintaining the same ground as his partner for a reduction of about 1/4 of the rent — as I was obliged to return home this day — I could not discuss the matter but left the Island in the Steam B. Perry — ar. at Fall River at half past 11 and spent the time till 5 in attending to my whisky business — & my lodge and wood land — calling at the Post office spent the last hour with my brother M. H. Russles and took the 5 Oclk train for home — had an opportunity of giving some little aid to Eunice Baker & sister who were

in the Cars — Called to see Uncle Wm, And being with him from "Meyricks", and Spent the rem.r of the eve.g in visiting to Hazard & Armstrong — found the fam.y pretty well — Mar. Chace H being about home again 5th. day 21st Went to the Bank Directors meet.g and gave the rem.r of the day & eve.g to the Fact.y & C.g Hse — Calling however to see my Mother who was very ill. Edm.d left home for Boston &c 6th. day 22d Occupied through the day & till 7½ PM at the Factory & C.g Hse. eve.g at home — Mother & Sister Eliza with the fam.y at tea, myself present but not partaking — being satisfied that 2 good meals are better than 3 for me — Thos & Lydia Greene were here in the eve.g 7th. day 23d Went to the Rail Road Depot before breakfast and was at the C.g Hse most of the day and till 10 at eve.g Hse — Visit returned this afternoon from Newport 1st day 24th Walked to the Cemetery before Meeting and added a few flowers to the turf hallowed by the memories of our dear Mary — The leaves of Autumn were strewn around with the indications of suspended vegetation and harbingers of the Stern Winter which is approaching but from whose

chilling the Vegetable world will again receive the grand & beneficent proof of an ever wakeful presiding Power to whose ever present agency, man who should be the Priest of this magnificent temple as a general fact is strangely insensible — Our meetings (Friends' ~~is~~) is claimed only by ~~myself~~ of the family ~~were~~ as usual, pretty well attended in the forenoon, very small in the afternoon — The influence and respect which was formerly attached to this Society by the Com'y — has greatly ~~seems~~ to be greatly withdrawn — The Cause I think is to be found in a diminished fidelity to the Cardinal Principle of which it was formerly the chief expositor and of w.ch the Lives and Conduct of many of its members were the most Striking illustrations — Ma Alice H. & Sister P. were detained from their mg. by the illness and indisposition of Thomas, who has been unwell with a Cold for the past 6 weeks Dr Reed was called to see him — Frank also has some Symptoms of the local inflammation which confined him some weeks last Spring — Eliz. Father arrived yesterday to make her Grandmother and friends a visit — 2. day 25th Went to the Post Office mg. and saw the sun of the day and very

to business at the Factory & Office —
Thos being quite sick and likely to
be off duty some time throws addi-
tional Care on me — I lodged in
the room with him last night and shall
do the same tonight — Frank is also
in bed though not materially worse
— Irwin detained quite late at the
Factg. Office —
3d day 26 Thomas had a restless night the
Swelling in the throat making deglutition very
painful he has continued a patient
sufferer to day. and Frank also seems
no better — Called at Mothers and found
that Eliz.h Fisher had gone to Stanton Chester
with Robt. Haydock & wife from Phila.
Say Newyork — Bro.r Benj.n went with
them — My attention has been almost
exclusively been given to the Factory
business — in consequence of Thos. ill-
ness — detained at the Office till even
10 Oclk —
4th day 27 Spent the day in attending to business at
the Factory Office the illness of Thos making
my presence there necessary as much as possible
he has had a poor day very difficult to speak
or to swallow I sit up with him to night —
5th day 28th Sat up with Thomas last night
which he passed very uncomfortably — feverish
& restless — in the course of the forenoon he
was partially relieved — and has been comparatively
comfortable this afternoon & eve — Sits
Uncle Benj.n sits up with him to night. I
went before breakfast to try to hire a couple

of Carts to take the mud raised from the dock below the Factory to put in the excavation made on the east & south of my C.J. the Store - by raising the Stones of the S.E. wall of my wharf lot, and the Stones filled in between S.E. wall and the foundation of the Store - in order to stop the tide out of the Cellar, which is now wanted in part for the Store appendage C. Burt & Co's Grocery - I was unable to get the Carts - After breakfast went to the Bank Directors meeting - where there was a rather unfriendly feeling manifested towards me. Spent most of the forenoon about the St. John's average business - afternoon and eve. at the Factory Office till close of the work. Then home and retired to bed

6th. day 29 Engaged at the C.J. House of the Factory most of the day and eve. was detained there till late and was hindered and delayed by a Drunken man enquiring for lodgings - he followed me low and home - I went on and spoke to the watchman and returned to meet him but he had left the Street and could not be found while I was with them - I continued in Thos. Room writing about my Fall River business till 2 O'clk. When I laid down, he had not a very good night though he has been much relieved by a partial discharge of the Urine -

7th day 30th. Occupied at the Factory Office most of the day & Eve. Not in disposition for making it necessary that I should be there most of the time, or all that I can - Norton has been with me there part of the last two days to get a knowledge of my System &c.

1st day 31. After attending the usual morning duties and those connected with Rob.'s illness (Wm Hussey having sat up with him through the night) I breakfasted and took my accustomed walk to the Cemetary and laid a wreath of evergreens tinted by Autumnal affection to the memory of our dear Mary — I took a pathway which is unfrequented and did not meet with nothing to disturb the meditations congenial to the occasion & the day — when I became a temporary recipient from the burthen of Secular cares which oppress me through the business part of the week — went to Mg as usual — and called at Mothers in the afternoon — Our niece Elizabeth Fisher and F. Robeson called — May Fall River who obliged me to give some attention to them towards Mg — and to write rather late Thos. Uncle Charles Sets up with him a night

2d day 11 mo. 1 — Rob.t is a good deal relieved to day, the latter part of the night quiet — I spent the Mg. before breakfast in forwarding Coats &c to Fall River. at the Bank during the Mg after breakfast and through the day Eg. on Hasty business at the Cg. H.ts & the Comptg Counters — Edmund arrived this eg. from his business tour —

3d day 2d Engaged through the day at the Cg Houses & the Factory where I attend to my private business, as well as that of the Comptg in the absence from illness of the Elk. Rob.t has been very comfortable to day — and I hope that he will soon be abroad again I was very late at the Cg Houses on the Bills &c business &c —

4th day 3d - On going to the C.J. House after breakfast I found Capt Gray of my Stone Schooner there from Fall River. He informed me of a sad accident which happened at my wharf yesterday soon after they began to dig the earth from the bank to fill in between my wharf walls — the earth fell suddenly down when no one was expecting it and struck Howland Read with such force as to prostrate him and broke his thigh and jaw so that his life was despaired of — This is a most melancholy event and casts a deeper gloom on my wharf business, which financial troubles had made dark and embarrassing - I was at the Fan J. C.J. Hse. most of the day, Log — till quite late — Thos - is much better & Frank nearly well but little Ellen is troubled with a tooth

5th day 4th — Devoted the day chiefly to C.J. Hse Fan J. business — was at the Bank in the morng — and at the Funeral Solemnities of Jos Gibbs at the North Cong. Ch. in the afternoon — wrote to D Hooper to ascertain about Jno Read. but have no reliable information, though the first report is confirmed by a letter from Chs Snell — desire J. Dr. Sweat to be sent over — but I have no faith in sending him, when the best medical skill of the place can do nothing — wrote very late at the Fan J. Office — Little Ellen

9 Jane much swelled though the Pain is less —

6th day 5th Engaged at the Fact. CJ. House through the day and evg excepting some time at home after dinner on business relating to the Bellevue Estate — Our Ellen's face is much swollen. — Had a call from Dr. Sweet to day who had just come from Fall River having been sent for to see Howland Read — He reports that he had rallied a good deal — the upper jaw and bones adjacent badly broken. and his thigh in two places — the result he thought doubtful though the case not hopeless — He wanted that I should be responsible for the payment for his services, which I declined — as I have no confidence in his competency to take the direction in such a case I have much more reliance on the knowledge & Surgical Skill of Dr Hooper & the other regular bred Physicians there, whose services I hope will not be foreclosed by Dr Sweets visit —

7th. day 6th. Engaged at the Factory CJ. House most of the day after breakfast — the hour of dinner being a little postponed by a visit from our friend Mary Dricker who leaves here shortly for a permanent residence in Penn[a] — Aq Sidle left this afternoon for Providence to return on 2d day forenoon — Evg at the CJ House — Our

Sweet Ellen still afflicted with the swelling in the face

1st day 7th after breakfast I walked to the Cemetery — The fields are stripped of their flowers and the forest of its leaves — I added one pink flower to the wreath of evergreens which was laid one week since on the little hillock — in which the frazil flowers were not wholly put and watered the turf which had been recently rid by affectionate hands of the dry leaves of the overhanging trees, which had left other indications of their presence — I took the route returning from the public road which but for the swampy character of a part of it would be altogether pleasant — offering only the companionship of Nature "Oh Nature how thy charms beguile and Sooth our cares to sleep, Thou seems to Smile with those or Smile and weep with those who weep": attended meetings as usual — the interior of the house having been painted the past week — Read the 1st number of Friends Review, my old Aunty Enoch Lewis the Editor — It contains much interesting matter called as mothers in the W — J. K. Kasson called to see Thomas — our little Ellen still quite a Sufferer — Had a call from Anna Howland our late fam'y assistant now a bride, She seems very well & happy & beautiful as usual —

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2d day 8th — Went early to the Factory on acct. of A.G. Sudlis absence in Providence — and found apparently that the Engine had started well, it soon appeared however that the Steam would not keep up this was easily explained by the fact that — One set of boilers only was fully supplied with water — the north pair which were supplied on 4th day eve — not having been filled yesterday as it should have been — the machinery was therefore stopped, and the boiler filled but all being done — the Engine w. not go Speed and after all the endeavors of the new Engineer — the mill could run but in very small degree and a very poor days work was done — I was at the Bank Directors meeting in the morn — and afterward chiefly at the Fact. Office the Mod. contin indisposition keeping him still at home — On A.G. Sr returning and learning the State of facts — he was satisfied that the fault was in the Engine — and on exam. found that the Cut off had been altered — to ⅛ from ⅓ — and this we thot might have caused the effect — I was very late at the Cg House — financial troubles pressing heavily upon me — Our dear Sire's cold is severe so as to prevent her sitting up — She is visited a frequent Sorrow

3d day 9th — Early at the Cg House — The Engine still labouring and the Steam not keeping up — some Scale found in the pipes being kept to much clogged with Coal — but this did not fully account for the

effect — At noon the Condenser was examined — and the injection valve was found too much closed — the Gaskets or rubber valves in good order — this being rectified no further trouble was experienced. — the circumstances favor the idea, if they do not fully prove treachery on the part of the late Engineer who left the employ voluntarily ~~on~~ on 7th. day noon — and left town yesterday morning. though Mr. Smile had enjoined + he thought secured his attention to the Engine till his return — The cause of this leaf was a demand for more wages and an alleged engagement in Providence but I suspect that the latter was a fiction and that his hope in the manoeuvre was to extort higher wages. — (See note of the 10th.) I was again late at the Eg. Hse of the Cl — Frank gave me Some aid then to day — Our dear Sue still quite unwell but with less fever than yesterday little Nell much better Sister confined to her room

4th day 10th Engaged still at the Fact. Could get Home — Mrs not yet being well enough to be there — The Engine has not run so well to day as we expected and I suspect that the blame which we were disposed to cast on the former engineer was unmerited. the State of the coal it being less free from dust than in the outer portions of the heap — and a dull damp State of the atmosphere

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I think is the chief cause of our trouble — was late at the Office making a trial balance of the ledger — which shows an alarming state of indebtedness in the present state of the money market — Our Dr. Sue & Sister are reputed better but not in their wonts

5th day 11 Attended at the Office of the Society. through the day & we chiefly in making a new ledger to correct the books — Our Invalid inmates are better — Thomas. at the Fact. Office to day — Engine worked well

6th day 12th Occupied at the Society Office & through the day — in the Eg. at home to enjoy the visit of Mother. Sister Eliza & My Niece Eliz. Fishers — Showed the latter my new lamp — with a cast Iron burner, which is quite a pretty article in form and frame work for the Shade & Chimney — Accompanied them home and lengthened my visit, to compensate for its curtailment by my necessary absence till the time of Stopping the Factory 7½ Oclk — which prevented my presence at tea — a meal which I habitually omit

7th day 13th Assiduously occupied at the Office through the forenoon and eve till a late hour when I completed balancing the Eg. Books — Mr. Lambert Joined with us which detained me at home till eve. He did not hear of the

death of our dear Mary till he arrived 9/ in
Philadelphia on his way home from Nor-
folk where he left the U. S. Ship Colum-
bia on the termination of her Cruise of
two years on the Brazil Station — on which
he was Chaplain —
1st day 14th After my weekly ablutionary
exercises — and breakfast I took my accus-
tomed walk to our dear Mary's Grave —
the weather was raining but this did not
detract from the melancholy Satisfac-
tion of the walk — but seemed in har-
mony with the occasion, and gave
a new feature to the circumstances
usually attendant on these weekly vis-
its — I delivered a few fresh roses the
offering of Maternal tenderness within
the wreath of evergreen which on a for-
mer occasion ~~Sarah~~ Maternal hands
had twined — and wended my way
back to the Silent Meditations of
friends Mg — Mrs. Chas H. & Ellen
with our Sons were at the Episcopal
Service — Rev. Mr. Clark of Boston
officiating — who with Mr. Wilde
called at the close of the afternoon
Mg — I went with them to the Mg
Service — and accompanied Mr. Wilde
home from the Mg with Sister — to her home

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2d. day 15th. Went to the Bank Directors Meeting - found the condition of the Institution requiring still further contraction - I failed to get the accom: which I very much needed devoted the rem: of the day chiefly to the Factory & Sq the late at the latter the plumbers at Work to replace the pipe to the W. Closets &c — Went very late

3d. day 16th. Went early to the Factory to be able to supply to some extent the absence of A.G. Seale who left this morning to look up Dresses &c — devoted the forenoon to the Factory & after calls dinner gave attention to the work at my Home — and at the close of the afternoon repaired to the Cg. Hse again

4th. day 17th. Attended Meeting of the day at the Factory and was there very late in the evg

5th. day 18th. At the Factory early to be present when the Mill Started — had the pipes of the kitchen range cleared out which delayed breakfast and kept them later than he intended in the

ing my place at the Fact'y. Office &c
— I therefore Stopped at Mothers and break-
fasted on my way to the Bank — where I
found no mitigation of the money pressure
severe curtailment being still the unavoid-
able course — I could get no accommoda-
tion — thence home to see to the Water Closet
work &c — which is about Completed —
made a new arrangement of the Waste
Pipe of the Dining room Sink — and found
the Cause of our annoyance in this quar-
ter in the imperfect condition of the old
pipe — one of the bell supports having been
driven into it — and there were some other
imperfections — had the old a pipe former-
ly used to lead the water from the attic
cistern to the kitchen kettle but long dis-
used taken down —
N.G. Snell returned
from his expedition for factory help — hav-
ing found that he could supply us from
the Valley of the Blackstone with great
facility — two men came with him
to see the mill and place — I was
late with him at the Cg House getting
the results of his observations & enquiries
6th day 19th Engaged at the Cg. Hse &c in the
forenoon — in the afternoon buried with
Franks assistance in adjusting the weights
to close the dining room door — sit having been
put up today in an unsatisfactory man-
ner, which detained me till rather late —
then went to the Cg Hse & factory where I was

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detained in examining the heating flues communicating with the Chimney. Etc. 7th day 20 Partially occupied at home and made preparation for going to Fall River — went to the Factory expecting to get off before noon but was detained there till the dinner hour in consequence of a misunderstanding of some trivial acts of mine and Thos. acts on the part of the Supt — which we endeavoured to explain and satisfy him that there was no just cause for any exception —

After dinner set off for Fall River and got there about ½ past 5 O'clk — called at Micah's and went to see the progress in filling in earth between the walls of the North wharf by a bright moon light: the distance filled being about 5/12 of the whole the earth allotted for the job is not so much expended as I had supposed — walked also to the other wharves from Borden Ville to Robeson's returned to my Sisters to lodge — Benj^a not quite so well as of late 1st day 21 Rose early and walked to the R. Road depot, was on board the "Bay State" then ordered my horse and after writing a few notes and taking Breakfast set off on my return — at 9 — and went to Fred. Meeting in the forenoon and to the Episcopal to hear a Sermon from the Rev

Mr Lambert — walked after it close the length of Arnold St. with me there H— (1450 paces) — Mr Wilder Ch Randall C.H. Morgan called also Ch Randall in the evg —

2d day 22d went to the Bank Directors meeting and obtained some pecuniary relief so as to have a short respite from my urgent anxieties — devoted the day and evg to the duties of the Cj. Office.

3d day 23d — Spent the day chiefly at my own Cj Office — the evg. at that of the Factory — called to see S.A. Greene in relation to the anticipated public objections at the Lyceum to the fulfilment by Ch. T. Congdon of his engagement to lecture before the Society this evg — Saw R.F. afterward and endeavored to induce him to withdraw his opposition — on the ground of his C.T.C. efforts to reform & the encouraging success of those efforts — and other obvious reasons — He rec'd my endeavors kindly — but gave no intimation of a change of his purpose — I learn that the opposition was routed at the mtg by a motion of indefinite postponement of all business prior to the Lecture — whereupon R.F. left the hall and the lecture was delivered without interruption — and I sincerely hope that — the matter will be suffered to rest here — Ches Sen

Francis has been working in the Weaving Room of the Factory to day — to supply the place of the 2d Overseer who has gone to see his relations in Rhode Island —

4th day 24 Occupied at my own C.J. Room through the day & eve — giving some attention at the Factory Office — and chiefly in relation to Fact. business — W.J. as my Fall-Rir. & left business till a late hour

5th day 25th Thanksgiving day — I went early to the R.R. Depot — and attended Friends' Monthly meeting which I have not attended for a year — Things went on in the usual Simplicity and quite harmoniously in the main — the meet. was Small, two disownments & 1 received — Elnathan E. Delano — Spoke in the mg for worship — I went to the C.J. Hse after dinner and returned before 8 — called to see mother before meet.

6th day 26th Occupied Chiefly in relation to my long men & with my Son Edmund — a want of precision on his part having cost me much labor to bring to the point of approximate correctness — Mother Sister Eliza and Eliz.h Fisher were with us at tea — Mother Seems very well, and bright in mind — I accompanied them home, and then Sister E. for my accommodation took me in the Carriage to the C.J. House where I was engaged for about an hour writing for to morrow's mail —

7th day 27 — At the C.J. Hse the latter part of

the forenoon, after reading Henry Clay's late excellent Speech at Lexington on the national affairs, & especially the existing war with Mexico — after dining Set off for Fall River to see to my business there — arrived there after Sunset. The work seems to go on very well — they have not made so much show this week, as the unusually high tides having risen above the former level — it was necessary to go over again the Space which they had traversed & to bring it to a higher level — The job is probably now rather more than half done — I made one or two calls on my workmen & then & finished the evg. at my bro. Ruggles where I lodged all Bery. are is better, the Other well — I was very sorry to hear that poor Howard Read is failing fast — the fracture of his thigh was a very bad one — and from the ignorance of the family or the less well taught practitioners — the most skilful Surgeons their visits (D. Hooper and perhaps others)

1st day 28th left Fall River about 7 O'Clk and got home to attend mg — found a letter from Henry Batt & Co which gave me uneasiness — went to the Post. Office on acct. of it — after tea went there again & to see J. Francis & his bro. Bradford — and then wrote till late — The pressure of business engagements is very distressing

2d. day 29th Went to the Bank and obtained unexpectedly some temporary relief to meet the Boston engagement — Occupied at the C.H. &c. — the weather quite boisterous

3d. day 30th — Engaged at the C.H. &c throughout the day except giving some attention to the proposed removal of the

building from the line between my lot and that of Geo. Howland, Jr. which will be taken at home for the Steamer 4th. day 12 m. 1 — Gave considerable attention to the preparations for the removal of the Building at the west lot — and occupied otherwise in relation to the business of the Cg Ho & Factory with a heavy heart in consideration of the state of our affairs —

5th. day 2. Went to the Bank after breakfast and to the Cg House of the Fac'y — and then attended the 2nd. Mg — which was Sat's Factory — How readily would I exchange my position with some of the simple and happy from the adverse corroding care — without the anxieties and dark forebodings which are my present lot — Oh that some escape from my pecuniary difficulties be foreseen —

6th. day 3d. Went before breakfast to see Jos. S. Tillinghast and Chs. R. Tucker hoping to get through them a favorable application to D. Sands B. Tobey the trustee of Anna Jenkins Estate, both of whom were at meeting yesterday for a loan to the Fac'y Co. — I learned at the latter place that they left town in the early train. Called down to Mothers to get a little aide with reference to my Fall River payments and prepared my letters for the Fall River mail partly while taking my dinner & meal — Devoted the rem'r of the day to business cares and anxieties at the Cg House, leaving there about 10 P.M.

y^te day 4^th. Went to the C.J. House after breakfast - and met several of the Stockholders of the St. Annie Co^y. in the Fact^y. Office in the forenoon - They having been called together to be made acquainted with the financial difficulties of our concern - The Serious State of our affairs on this acc^t. was appreciated on the consideration of my State^t. as Treasurer but no means of Supplying our pressing wants were pointed out - or discerned with any Certainty - a legal M^g. of the Stockholders is called for 5^th. day e^y. next - I was occupied after the conference ended at My own C.J. House till near 4 O'clk. the latter part of the time in writing a letter to an agent in Washington to ascertain whether the new Lamp which I have invented is Patentable - after a late dinner went to Fall River to see after my affairs there - ar^d. about ½ past five calling at A. Borden's on my way in - called again at T.H. Harriers about the blower pipe - did not see him but understood from the woman who came to the door that it w^d. be done and sent over tomorrow - called after leaving my horse at the Stable to see Stephen Davol and had a conversation with him on many - - - there to my brother in Law M.H. Ruggles ^{the night} for - and finished the e^y. sitting till a late hour with him & my Sister Julia sitting earlier - Mary I did not see her husband was reported as not so well.

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1st day 5th left Fall River a little after 7 O'Clk. and got home in time for Mg. which I attended at my usual place. Walked to the Cemetery after dinner — my usual Sabbath walks in that direction having been precluded for the three last first days by my absence — found the wreaths of evergreens still unfaded on the spot consecrated to the memory of our dear Mary within its circle I deposited a bunch of Green house flowers prepared by her mother and twined around the precinct — Sally Ham. was with us at tea and Eliz. H. Arnold called at twilight — This has been an anxious day to me — the State of my affairs pressing heavily upon my spirits — Went home with S. Ham. and called at And. Wh. to see if A. J. can take Ellen to Fall River to morrow to make a little visit at her aunt's — called also at C. H. Morgans to report the favorability in regard to his daughters passage

2d day 6th Went to the Bank Director's meeting and afterward to the C. House — where I saw B. S. Rotch of the House of Henry Patterson & Co our agents in Boston — to whom I explained the State of the Co's affairs and my great anxieties about them — His observations gave me some encouragement — devoted the remainder of the forenoon to taking measures to get a Draught of my lamp to send to Washington and ascertain whether it is Patentable — took the lamp to Jos. C. Read to make the draught — Rev. D. Scoresby of Bradford Eng. formerly an Arctic whaler and author of an interesting work on that Fishery was at

the Factg. to day — He is making investigations in the Country into the State of the Factory Operatives — which he finds strongly contrasted with that of the corresponding class in his own Country — but he thinks our manufactories cannot compete with theirs in our market without a pretty high duty protection — the cost of production he stated was about 70 % higher than in his own Country — Exd at the Cg. House — Mg. Snell returned this evg in the Cars with 16 weavers from Fall River — enough to fill up all the looms, and one or two Spare hands

3d day 7th Spent the forenoon at the Cg Hse — rec'd J.C. Kents drawg. & description of my new lamp — and sent it with my own description to Lewis C Robbins Mechan'l Engineer & Patent Agent Washington D.C. for his examination at the Pat. Office and report — Mother, Sister Eliza Elizth Fisher & Julia Witt dined & spent the day with us — I was at home with them except from 5 to 7

4th day 8th Occupied at the Cg. Hse & in correspondg relating to the Factory — The lack of funds giving me great anxiety to avoid an open failure — afternoon & evg at the Cg Hse till a late hour — Stopped at home some time after dinner to look over the recent news

5th day 9th Occupied at the Cg. House most of the day — called yesterday at Asa Woods house to examine the maps of the Survey of the harbor made by order of the Legislature under the direction of Simeon Borden — the natural depth of water about my wharf is noted 4 ft — which is about 2 ft. less than I have

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was supposed to be the case at Lowell — Aug 9 of this day was at a Special meeting of the Stockholders of the St. mills Co — The necessity of a large provision of funds was the topic of chief interest but no means of obtaining them was presented that seemed entitled to much confidence — The pres. & Wm. C. Cobb myself were appointed a comtee on the subject — another important change in the management of the concern was voted, which was to accept of A.G. Snell's offer to run the mill & pay all expenses and have three cents a yard to cover all expenses & repairs of machinery — This if it can be carried out will very much lighten the duties & responsibilities of the Treas — The leading inducement was to raise the credit of the Co — now depressed in public estimation — by being able to show in a simple and intelligible form that something can be made — by the mill — even in these dull times — This is my dear Mothers ninetieth birth day I called to see her before dinner little Ellen & our sons also called She is very well and dined at A. Robesons — and most of the descendants were there in the evg including Micah & Lydia from Fall River — also the Youngest Robesons & A. & M. Tucker from Boston Evg engagement the above evg & the burthen that weighs upon me prevented my being there

6th day 10th — Occupied mostly at the 109
C.J. House &c through the Day — Mother &
Sisters Lydia & Eliza were with us at tea —
— when they left us I rode with them as far
Sister Lydia's at C.H. Morgans — and after
seeing Mother Safely at her home I went
to put up my books & do a little writing
at the C.J. Hse — where Sister E. Called for
me in the Carriage and took me home
after she had been to Bro. Wm's to take home
Eliz. & Fisher —
7th day 11th — Rained chiefly at the C.J. Hse
rode to Hanbower with Gen Hussey to try
to raise some money but without any
reliable success — The mg. of the Stockhold
ers. adj.d to this day — was thinly attended
and nothing of Special importance — It was
concluded to carry the plan of mng. the mills
by the yard into effect forthwith & after this mg.
— I was late at the Office on the interrogatories
from the Ins.ce Companies with reference to
the renewal of the Ins.ce on the Factory — as Bos-
ton &c the first of the week
1st day 12th Walked to the Cemetery after breakfast
and placed a bunch of pink flowers in the wreath
of evergreens which is yet unfaded on our dear
Mary's Grave. whose peace and celestial happi-
ness is I trust in infinite contrast with the
anxieties and Cares which harrass her afflicted
ter — and which are Sympathised in by the
loved ones of the family whom She has left be-
hind — That they may not be suffered to
thwart or check that preparation for a re-

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union above with her blessed Spirit. for which we shd all most earnestly strive when the toils & troubles of life are over is my heartfelt prayer — I attended meetings as usual, and — was oblig^d to make some preparation at the C^y Hse for my proposed visit to Boston to-morrow on urgent business of the Cotton Co^y between Mgs — had a Call from Geo Hussey on the same subject in the e^g and we went to see Edw^d M. Robinson to see we could devise any assistance from his good will, and ample pecuniary resources — But we found that he also felt the money pressure in the curtailment of his dues — so that he could not give any direct aid, but he showed his usual friendly disposition and we have a little hope from his influence in another quarter — — G. H. stopped here on our return and it was concluded to defer my or our visit to Boston till to-morrow afternoon.

2^d day 13^th Attended to business at the C^y Hse & in the forenoon and by previous arrangement left for Boston with Geo Hussey in the afternoon to try to raise some money for the pressing and large Wants of the St^n mill Co^y. In the Cars were Eliz^h Fisher Sybil Robeson & her daughter Anna & her father in Law as protector to the party. for Philadelphia, the former returning home, the latter to be with her husband who is under the Water Cure at Phil^a — also in the Cars were Hanson

& Martha Tucker & Edwd & Ellen Motley & their infant boy — G. H. & I put up at the Revere St. House and had a call from Rev. T. Rotch of the House of our friends Almy Patterson & Co — I spent the day in preparing for renewing the insurance on our Factory Property.

~~Boston~~ 3d. day 14th Spent considerable time in the forenoon with A P & Co. at their Office — I attended to the Insurance business and G. Henry aided by one of the Partners went on the financial errand — but he was quite unsuccessful — there being none to be obtained at a high rate — 2 ¾ P. mo. was the best & only offer which he rec'd and that was tendered as a matter of friendship — who had it not of his own but who thought he might obtain some on those terms — We made examination of the Cotton Market and bot. 50 bales conditionally of F. H. Weld — I came home in the afternoon with a heavy heart — G. H remaining to make some further enquiries

4th day 1st Devoted myself to the business of the Factory in regard to its financial necessities — saw Edwd H Robinson and Wm Rotch last evg on that subject also L. Kollock who went to See J. H. Parker, all without any certain success — I addressed a note to our Cousin Jas Arnold to try to get some aid from him — He made a call in the forenoon in consequence at the C G Room — He manifested a kind disposition but has at present no unappropriated means and is not willing to divert any from its present depositories — I gave some time the project of getting a Patent for my new lamp and made Jos. C. Kent an offer of half the profits if he would engage in it and bring it into use, as

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I have no means to spend at present. I borrowed fifty five Dollars of my Sister Eliza to send to Washington to make the application for the Patent, our agent L. C Robbins having made an examination and expressed himself confidently in favor of its patentable character.

5th day 16th Went to the Bank Directors Meeting in the morning - and after conferring with G. Hussey - on the State of affairs it was concluded that I should go in the Steam boat to Nantucket to day and see if any money can be obtained there - by a little extra exertion I succeeded in getting Leonardy to the St. Mary's and we had a very rough passage - arriving about 4 Oclk. - I took lodging at the Ocean House - and called on Nath.l Barney and joined them at their evening meal - after tea we called at R. M. Joy's, David Barker's, Paul Ward's and Charles Gardner's all of them being men of property and in the habit of loaning money - called also at Wm. Mitchell's - but all without any direct success, though some what encouraging for the future - We also called on Nath.l Barker partner & bro.r in Law Wm. Dadwin's - - Seeing nothing to be gained by remaining at the St. and I determined to leave in the morning for home

6th day 17th - Went to the Boat at the appointed hour - But when on the point of starting information came from the East End of the island that a Ship was stranded - the St. Mary's Boat was therefore despatched to her assistance, and the passengers turned ashore - I called at the Insr. Office to see Hezekiah Barnard the Past.r - The Ship is the Louis Philippe Packet from Havre - She had been

over the Shoal. "Pochick" and was riding at her anchors within — men went in the St. Boat to give aid if needed — I remained at home most of the day and walked towards eve. to the S.E. Shore and on my return stopped at Mr. Mitchell's by invitation to tea — and had an interesting eve. with his intelligent & Scientific family — He being one of the best practical Astronomers in the Country and has long been employed under Dr. Patche of the Coast Survey in a Series of the most accurate observations for ascertaining the latitude & longitude of his observatory with the greatest exactness — His daughter Maria is his very competent assistant, his equal if not his Superior in Math.l Skill — She has the honor of being the first discoverer of the Comet seen the pole in the 10th. mo. last — and She has calculated the elements of its orbit — her other Sisters are bright girls but with no very decided taste for Science I believe — his wife is a Sensible woman, as might be inferred from the daughters — he showed me the different instruments and places of observation but the weather was raing, and uncomfortable as it has been most of the day wind heavy from the N.E. as it was yesterday — W. M. being engaged in the aft. at the Bank, of which he is Cashier I made a call on my Cousin Lydia Barney who seemed very comfortably situated in her loneliness — Keeps House quite by herself —

4th. day 18th. The Sloop Hand Scrabble being advertised to take the mail to N Bedford at 8 O'clk I went to the Wharf — but the continuance of the gale at N. prevented her going — and I made a call at Hezekiah Barnards — and braved the Gale with Snow

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in a walk to the north Shore — when I was well satisfied that I was not at Sea in the Sloop — after dinner made a call at Capt. Baxters and N. Barney's and Spent some time at the Ins. Co Office to hear the news from the Ship the Steamboat Telegraph being on her return from her — the Mast. being with the Ship — the report was that they were trying to refit the Rudder and not in want of anything — they being able to keep the Ship free — the passengers all (two) onboard — I went to N. Barneys to tea where there was other Company — W. Hadwen & wife Edw. M. Gardner Wife (formerly Phebe Hussey) Ann Hussey, Mrs Dwight the Lecturer Mr. Knapp Mrs. Minister wife &c — a very pleasant visit — Mr. Dwight was to give his 2d Lecture on Music and the Company expecting Mr Dwight himself attended, we remained and did a little business relating to a small loan which he obtained for me — At the close of the Lecture W. H & wife & Lydia Barney returned — and finished the Eve with us — I attending the latter home.

1st day 19th Left Nantucket in the Sloop Hard Scrabble Capt. Chase at 8 O'Clk wind NW good breze, which increased so that we sailed rapidly past Woods Holl about 12 Oclk and contin. on our course the wind high and Sea heavy — the Sloop being light we could not lay our course, and not being able to beat on acct of the high wind & Sea the

Capt found it necessary to put back — we urged him to go into Mattapoisett, which we could reach — but as he was not acquainted there he chose to go to Hadley's harbor on Naushon — where we remained till sunset when the wind had abated and the Capt. got under way again & though the wind was more northerly, by beating we reached the wharf. a little after midnight — found the family all well and retired without disturbing any one but Frank who let me in — — the passengers beside myself were Gov.r B. King Elisha Swain & a man from Providence — I fared better than the rest being able to keep below without being sick — King notwithstanding extreme sickness and discomfort made much pleasantry by his jokes with the Capt.n who was also a wag — The prevailing tenor of my mind was of a different character

2.d day 20th Occupied about the business of the Factory &c — financial embarrassments very annoying — wrote late at the Custom House

3.d day 21 — Engaged in Factory affairs &c through the day — eve.g making calculations of Int. on my acco.t with Aaron Upham John and the houses on his lot which I built for him — The result reveals a great loss to me in my endeavors, though fruitlessly to help him — came home very late.

4th day 22.d Engaged again with a heavy heart about Factory affairs — gave some time to forwarding my camp to Washington with a view to getting a Patent. made some enquiries after a

very late dinner — in relation to Funds but without success — Our till late in the Ev — in looking the result of my Calculations on Upsons Acc^t — Col. Morgan called in the Ev. at the Cg House — he having been to Boston to day — found Money very Close — dis^t Some at a high rate of Int — but he thought much opposed keeps up his confidence

5th day 23 Went to the Bank Directors Mg and — obtained a disc^t. on a financiering aff. at the Cg House & through the rem^r of the day & Ev — had an offer for our Engine which after Consultation we concluded to accept — went to see L Pollock & Law Haney on the Subject who approved of the Sale

6th day 24th Attended to the business of the Factory & Wm Hunter arr^d from N. York and succeeded in getting off the Followers of the Steam piston by working with others all day — this trouble is mainly attributable to the omission to do it before — Ev at the Cg House

7th day 25 Occupied in writing at home in the morning — rem^r of the day & Ev at the Cg. House — where I was very late in making some entries which have been for some time forborne — dined with the family Mansion & wishing to have all assembled once more on this interesting anniversary — The weather was unfavorable for going to Church — Sister Phebe & some of the children were there —

1st day 26th A Snow Storm prevented any walk to the Cemetery, so that I could only visit in imagination the hallowed Spot — over which nature has spread her Stainless mantle — Spent the

my usual place of Worship — and some of the Children went to the Church — the Gatherings were very small — rem.r of the day I sat at home musing on the trying State of my concerns — & endeavoring to find consolation and hope from religious meditation and a confiding trust that our Heavenly Father who noticeth the fall of the Sparrow, will order all things well if we will put our trust and reliance on his superintending Providence — may we strive to do this habitually and more & more till we all arrive through this probationary State to his Heavenly Kingdom — Oh! seek us thy sustaining Grace for this all important consummation —

2.d day 24th. At the Bank & Cg House as usual. The Factory run this forenoon, but was stopped in the afternoon from some defect in the Supply pump — which has worked rather poorly for some ten days. All of the Skill that our men were possessed of was applied to find and correct the Cause of failure but without success though the efforts were protracted to a late hour of the night — I was present to observe the various operations —

3.d day 25th The endeavors to remedy the defect of the pump were repeated to day — and continued till the cause of its failure was discovered in the too loose working of the Slide Valve of the little Engine which actuates it — The correction was made in the course of the eg — but in the early part of it by the shrinking of the Attic Tank from having been left in the disarranged State of the pipes & Engine with out water — a great deal of water leaked down on the Machinery below which employed all of the hands which we could muster after the rather late discovery by the Watchman to mitigate this new and great evil — after doing what could

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be done to save the Machinery from damage. I with others again went about the pumps, and succeeded in making it work well enough, in connection with the pumps originally used for the former Engine to start the mill again to-morrow which is very important for the preservation of the machinery — I got home about ½ past One Oclk

4th day 29th — The mill run well to day, and thus I hope that Serious damage to the machinery from the leaking of the Cistern has been prevented — My Dr. mother & Sister Eliza were with us at tea, on which occasion I was at home in the evg — except that in the latter part of it I made some Calls on financial matters which press upon me with alarming weight — Haz and & Armstrong were here to day about the Bellevue House showing a Statement of their business the past Season, and proving thereby that they cannot afford to pay more than $2500 which they attribute to the restraint imposed upon them in regard to the Sale of liquors — But as we cannot yield this point we (my uncle Wm A Roberson and myself at the conference with the lessees at the office of the former) concluded to endeavor to make a Sale of it — and made a confidential offer of it to them for a very low price — They will make the endeavor to accept the offer but some months must elapse before this can take place, or the case can be decided — in the mean time I fear they pecuniary troubles may be brot. to a melancholy crisis

5th day 30th Went to the Bank Directors Mg but failed to obtain the accom: I needed — the Pres: of our Comp: made a visit with W. R Polock to a monied man in Fairhaven but without success — I was employed at the C.J. House & through the day & evg — The concerns of our Comp: pressing with a heavy weight on my Spirits.

6th day 31. Engaged at the C.J. Hse. and in some

consultations respecting the affairs of the Factory
with Gen Hussey — who with me feels very anx-
ious in relation to them — In consequence of
my letter to Hogg & Delamater when we
thought ourselves unable to make the Engine
pump for supplying the boilers do its office
Henry R. Worthington the patentee & Inventor
came to set things right. — they being absent
from the City when my letter of the 28th was re-
ceived. the purport of it was transmitted to them
by mail — so that my letter of the 29th advising
H. & d. that the difficulty had been overcome
could not change the views which my former let-
ter authorised. And they came as soon as pos-
sible to give us the instruction which we had lacked
— Mr. W showed great concern that we should
have had so much trouble but as we had found
out the fault and applied the remedy he did not
take the machine apart as it worked well.
But to show his readiness to make his warranty fully
good, although the trouble we had met with was
owing to the want of the knowledge which they
had taken pains to furnish Hogg & Delamater
with, but which they had omitted to transmit to us,
and not to any defect of construction or power of
the machine for doing fully what it was provid-
ed for, H. Worthington said that they had made
an improvement in the apparatus by which the
pump Cylinder was made to work with Common
Valves which from the fact of their being too lia-
ble to be misunderstood, could not fail with only
common care to work well. He proposes to send
us one of these and take the present one back

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By appointment, G. Hussey & myself called on David R Greene in the city - to explain to him confidentially the difficulties of our situation and see if he could aid us in any way - We had a long interview - He showed a very friendly disposition, but his own unusual liabilities at this time, put it out of his power to assist us to money, and he did not know of any source from which it could be derived - He promised however to aid us by his influence if he had any opportunity of doing so. - Thus ~~7th day the 9th 1847~~ closes the year 1847 - It has been a year of much trouble and sorrow to me and our family circle - Death has made its afflicting inroad and stripped us of one of our most estimable jewels - My brother in law has had a similar affliction in his family - which has pressed with almost overpowering weight on my sister. - And pecuniary anxieties though not so distressing as mine, have been also Charlii experience, and are now heavy upon him. - He is of good confidence however of getting safely through, - I wish that I could say that I feel the same for myself - But we must continue in endeavor with the best wisdom with which we are favored, and look and ask for a blessing upon them from that beneficent Superintending Providence, who though too often unrecognized and unacknowledged, by the recip-

cents of his daily Care and bounty, controuls the
results of human action — and "ordereth all
things well" — May we fix our trust and confi-
dence on his Wisdom Love and ask in faith for
that heavenly Grace which is able to guide us
safely through the most difficult and stormy
pathways in this probationary State, and grant
us deliverance from the trials through which we
may have to pass — or to show them to us in the
light of Blessings with reference to our present
and eternal good. — May this Sanctifying pro-
cess be recognised and realized by the Several in-
dividuals of our family now so oppressed with
forebodings of ill —

7th day 1st mo. 1. 1848 — A new year has open-
ed upon us. Its dawn, like the day, is heavily
clouded. May it be found to brighten as it ad-
vances — and may we feel again the serenity
and trust and hope which is most congenial
to the healthful enjoyments of time, and which
I trust should be improved to prepare us for
that brighter inheritance for which we are
taught to believe that this world is designed
the disciplinary prelude and introduction. —
— May we all thus wisely improve our sojourn
here, whether in sorrow or in joy, that this
bright consummation may be attained at
last, when our broken Circle shall be a-
gain reunited in peace and heavenly happi-
ness forever. our dear Mary. and her infant
Sister & bro. Charles may be again restored to
our Spiritual recognition in her tattered &
unalloyed and unfading Love and affec-
tion. May we all daily and hourly seek to

live and walk under the guidance of that Celestial grace which alone is sufficient to insure to all or any of us this blessed end.

— I passed the day in attending to my business concerns — at the Office & till late in the ev.g when I made a call on my mother and Sister Elsea — My family did not receive the Calls of our friends the Pamphl contrary of this with the last New years day. disqualifying them for their enjoyment —

1st day 2. Attended meetings as usual the weather rainy. which prevented my walking to the Cemetery and meditate on our departed Mary, departed to a brighter and less clouded world — exempt from the trials that we have now to meet here — but may we seek. the only condition for seeing. that Grace from above which can transmute the troubles and perplexities of time into blessings real though disguised to our imperfect vision — Read much in the bible and in the Life & Teachings & Death from the memoirs of W.m Allen of London who was a bright example of a highly influential practical Christian — His memory will always be dear to me for his little tract "Thoughts on the importance of Religion" presented to me when a Child by my Aunt Lydia, I believe, is now remembered with deep interest — This, pure & undefiled, is the best Solace for the trials of this life as it is the best preparation for that which is to come — Read also the Preface at the end of the Volume, the object of which is to call the attention of the young men who read

attended his course on Philosophy to the high-
est object of learning — a reference and vene-
ration for that Supreme Source of Wisdom
and power which is ever acting, and cogniza-
ble to the wisely directed human mind,
in the works of Nature — the effect of that
Infinite and all pervading Being, the of Wor-
Ships & Supreme Love, for all created intel-
ligences —

2d. day 3d — Occupied at the Cg. House re-
forenoon & till late dinner time prepar-
ing for a visit of business at Fall River
— got off about 3¼ Oclk and arrived
there about dark — attended to my
errand to several individuals and went
to my Brother Micah's to lodge — found
that my Sister Mary & her husband were
absent at Boston to attend a Sweden-
borgian Convention — Julia & Margar-
et Wade were there, had sweet conver-
sation until retired till about midnight

3d. day 4th. Attended to my business in
the morning & forenoon — which occupied
me all the forenoon — returned home
at the afternoon taking Westport in my
way with the hope of obtaining a loan
of money — had no success, found our
Nephew & Niece John & Eliz. Barnes from
Skaneateles here they having arrived agree-
ably to our expectation by the St. Bs. train
from Newyork City to which place they have
been on a visit to their relations —

4th day 8th — Spent the day and eve J. in attending to my business — the fac- ny obligations as well as my own lies- -ing heavily on me —

5th day 6th At a mg. of the Fact. Com. Board in the forenoon, to devise the mans of meeting our engagements — Something is to be attempted to get the Stock increas- and taken so as to relieve us from the anxieties of our large indebtedness without the means of Payment — a legal mg. to carry out the plan if found to be feasible was ordered for the eve of the 14th Eve at home having the Company of mother & Sister Elira — our Cousin Sarah R Jones called in the afternoon — whom I saw having been detained after dinner in reading Jno P. Hales late excellent remarks in the U.S. Senate on the Mexican War — Rode home with my Dr. mother & Thens to the Eve the last Sister E. to h- Carr my books & Thens home —

6th day 7th devoted Chiefly to business at the Eg. House but relating to the Fact — The change in the manner of running the Mill by contract with A.G. Snell having led to a change in the clerk Ship Benj Thomas having made an exchange of Situations with Jno F. Pope the latter doing the duties of the Mill — and Thomas going into his Uncle C.H. Morgans Eg House — Thence the

the care of the Co. Books and accounts chiefly on me — This would be a trifle or be cheerfully assumed were it not for the embarrassed situation of the Co — and lack of means to meet the heavy liabilities of the concern — This weighs heavily on my Spirits — I was very late at the Co House — c

4th. day 8th Occupied at home in the morning called at Mothers after breakfast to arrange for giving our Nephew & niece a ride in her Carriage to view the town & Environs the weather and roads being favorable. I was chiefly occupied in relation to the Patent for my new Lamp which we call the "American Lamp" having received last evg Z. C. Robbins Atty. of the Specification consulted with J C Kent who is to have half the profits for introducing it to the public through the Country if a patent is obtained — Found some defects in the Specification which made it necessary to write it over again which I did last evg and left it at J.C. K's house for his examination — returned to the Co House to write to Z C R. and attend to some other business till the evg. was fully spent — The family as is our usual had retired before I got home — but I perceive that our Son Edmund who has been on a journey of business to Boston Dover &c — has returned as we expected.

1st day 9th Attended Meetings as usual — our Nephew J. Barnard & Thos. & Fox also there, the other of the family with our niece were at the Episcopal Service where the young men were in the afternoon

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Mr Wildes called here at the close of the afternoon meeting — I glanced over the Boston paper which I had not been able before to see, and my other reading was in the Bible and the Life of Washington — The state of our Factory affairs gives a gloomy tinge to my feelings — and I mourn as the Contrast of my condition compared with the freedom from corroding care and leisure to enjoy these Good Sabbaths and to make every day an approximation to it which I formerly to a moderate extent however have enjoyed — Oh that I had more fully profited by those opportunities — when perhaps I might have been preserved from my present trying condition — H. made a call & mother in the eve and also daughters and Fr. gave us some beautiful hymns in which Edw occasionally joined —

2d day 10th Our nephew & niece left us this afternoon for their home in Shrewsbury The weather very cold — but they preferred not to stay on that acct — They were taken to the Depot in the afternoon in mothers Carriage our three sons bearing them Company — I was very late at the Cg. Room Our family enjoyed the visit our young relations, I should have shared the pleasure more fully with them but for the financial troubles which prey upon me — I hope they may reach their parents & their & bro's sisters in health — and happiness they are estimable young people —

3d day 11th Again I have been "tugging at the oar" endeavoring to do what I can in the very trying circumstances in which I am placed — Oh that a Kind Providence would grant me deliverance, so that no humiliation or reproach should rest upon me or the dear inmates of our home, where we have heretofore enjoyed comparative happiness without the fears which now depress us — late at the Cg to-day

4th day 12th — Engaged as usual at the C.J. House — where I was till a late hour — our nephew & niece I hope are at their home in Skaneateles this day —

5th day 13th Went to the Store and the Bank this morng — My applicaton to our cousin J. Arnold for some aid was unsuccessful his convenience not permitting him to lend us any assistance — I was again late at the C.J. House but not so late as usual

6th day 14th Occupied as usual at the C.J. House — The Asso.n of the Factory taking my Chief attention with reference to the Mtg. of the Coy. to be held this day — I gave yesterday some attention to a slight change in the hot air arrangement at the Factory to divert the dampened current which is desirable in the lower rooms from its course at in the Dress G. Room where the most drying air only is desirable — Went to the adj.d Mtg. of the Coy. — but nothing of importance was the result — The plan of procuring additional Stockholders by — putting it must below cost not having been found feasible — we shall have to endeavor to get on as hitherto if possible — The mtg was held at Palmer & Nichols Store — returned home from the meeting — and therefore earlier than usual —

7th day 15th Occupied with my C.J. House business and Payments The Rec.d of a bill of Exch.e from C.E. Stewart on 5th day ev.g — and sent to Boston on 6th day morn.g —

was reported sold and subject to my order. this enabled me to resist the bal-
ance for a large purch. in N. York which has given me great uneasiness — The cr.
is not wholly mine but I must trust to
Paying Ch.s & And.w a few days hence.
— It grieves me to have to trespass on
the funds of others who want all their
Means — but I am thankful for this
resource which was not confidently
expected — and trust that I may be
favored hereafter so far at least as to
occasion no great prejudice to Others or
reproach to myself — hoping for that
guidance which shall lead me aright
1. Mo. day 16th After the weekly morn-
ing ablution & breakfast I walked
to the Cemetery to visit our dear Mary's
Grave — The wreath of evergreens &
mirtle unfaded — and a bunch of green
House flowers prepared by her mother
was placed in its Centre — Returned
to meeting — at Friends house on Spring
St — called at Aunt Mary's with
Mat in the eve — and afterwards at Mother's
— an alarm of fire hastened me from
the latter place — which proved to be
the coal house of J.H.W. Page's land

near Hawthorn Street) — read in the Bible & Wm Allen's Life — and looked again over Jno. P. Hale's Speech against the Mexican War Supplies — He is a noble instance of fidelity to the truth — How few there are in Congress like him —

2d day 17th Took breakfast early with our sons Thos & Frank — and wrote a letter to go to Boston by 4 o'clock — went to C. W. Morgan's and to the Depot to see him, who was again on his way to Boston on a financial errand — to the Bank Directors mg — Some dissatisfaction expressed with Ch's paper as being fictitious — but with much kindness of manner towards him — I was at business at the Cg House through the day & till very late in the evg —

3d day 18th — Detained rather late at home remainder of the day at the Cg House — It is extremely unpleasant to have to say continually no, to the repeated applications for the duties of tradesmen & mechanics — To be personally poor would be a great trial and to impose many privations — but not to be able to fulfil the claims of justice is painful in the extreme — Oh that I may be so favored as to escape, as no very distant day this sad necessity — Edw. came home to day from his Lowell and Boston excursion — We heard last evg of the safe arrival of our late guests at their home in Skaneateles.

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4th day 19th — Occupied at the Cg House most of the day — and till late in the eve — gave some time to the improvt or partial completion of the unfinished Cast Iron burner which I have used at the Cg House since I took the burner in use there to send with my model lamp to Washington — viz in and J Frank to drill the small holes under the flange — being but illy prepared we only went through the outer portion of the metal — Saving for another time their extention to the central opening of the burner

5th day 20 — called on Geo Hassey to get his name to a note in renewal — went to the Bank — where there was an opportunity of doing more than was offered of acceptable paper — I having none could not avail it — devoted myself to the Cg Hse — rec'd a letter from Lowell in reply to my enquiries respecting the moral Character and Competency of Capt Simon from Chapin who was discharged Sick at Valparaiso in the 2 or 3rd mo last — which confirms my unfavorable suspicions — wrote in answer to the Owners to have a consultation on the measures to be pursued — There was some difficulty with the Supply pump which stopped the Engine part of the afternoon

I was late at the Cg. House — and afterwards in the Boiler House — the pump was readjusted but A. G. Snell thinks that the trouble was partly occasioned by the sinking of the water below the open[g] into the logs at low tide by which means air was drawn into the logs

6th day 21st Occupied at the Cg. House through the day and the first part of the evening — There was a false alarm of fire which called me out and I stopped at mother's & learned that she was at my house — I then first returned early for me, about 8 Clock to have her company Sister Eliza with her of Course — She is very bright and well for such an advanced age had a call from Capt Prince Sears in consequence of my note respecting the Winslow. He hopes things will turn out better than they seem to promise — and is not in favor of any measures founded on our distrust of Capt Simons fidelity to the interests of his owners —

7th day 22 Buried again at the Cg. House through the day & Eve — took measures for insurance in the Bellevue House in renewal of the Policy to expire at the Proc[a] Mut[l] Ins. Co — which declined continuing the risk — had a call from Ch[l] and heard the report of the latter of the prospects of business at Phil[a] & Newyork where he has just returned are very discouraging — and adds to my recent anxieties — which I am sorry I cannot

present my family Shewing duplicity with me
1st day 23d. Attended meetings as usual and
at home the rest of the day — read, the bible
& Wm Allen's Life — one of the men most worthy
of honor of his Generation & very much more
so than many of the noble individuals, that
noblest of their rank with whom he was, more or less
intimately associated in his philanthropic
plans and efforts — Rec. Mr. Wilder Spent
the fore part of the e.g. with us — and I called
late at C. A. Morgans. on the State of the
times as to money matters which is very
distressing — and give me many gloomy
forebodings —
2d day 24th Rose early and breakfasted with
Thos & Jos. — read to them a few passages from
the Life of Wm Allen — Went to the Bank
Directors Meeting and there met Thomas
Nye who lately returned in the French
Steamer Washington from a voyage to
the Azores for his health, which has been
benefitted — their voyage home was attended
with a good deal of danger from
the length of the passage and a scanty
supply of fuel — They had to put into
Halifax to receive an addition to their
stock which was reduced to one days
consumption when they reached that

post — I devoted myself at the Cg. House to its appropriate business and to having some improvement made to my first Patent "American Lamp" burner — On putting it in complete order with a new wick — it burned with Right white Oil very satisfactorily without being touched from 5 p.m. to 11 through as the last the wicks acquired the removal of the crust only to restore its waning brilliancy — Rebecca Morgan was with the family at tea — Her brother came to attend her home in the evg — after returning home I read some very interesting passages in the Life of Wm Allen —

3d day 25th Engaged at the duties of the Cg House through the day and till very late in the evg — The unpleasant condition of things which has given me great anxiety being increased and more darkly shaded by the anticipated failure of my bro A Roberson & his sons — I did not get home till late from the Cg House

4th day 26th Still pressed with business and Came worked late at my accounts at the Cg House — prospects ominous both for me and the St Emile Coy.

5th day 27th — At the Bank Directors meeting prob'y. for the last time with C.W. Morgan — The disclosures of A Roberson & Sons affairs will take place to day — and their failure will produce at least Suspension of pay-

ment by C.H. Morgan, and myself. — late
at the Cg. House with prospect of going to
Fall River to the Pocasset Q.M. meeting to-mor-
row — which concern I fear will be great
ly shaken by the impending event
6th day 28th Set off about 7 in my wagon
for the Pocasset Q.M. meeting — which was a
trying one — M. H Ruggles being implicated
by endorsements with A.K & Sons as the Insts.
for Savings — The full extent of the danger not
realized by him & M. Wade & D. Dawe — Clark
Chase was not there — C.H. Mis own in
Failure not being suspected — The excitement
produced by the disclosures of yesterday there
(F.R.) is great — and the issue cannot be fore-
seen I denied as M. H R. — and what adds
to my affliction is that I have not P. & am un-
able to pay in money the annuity due from
me as Ex. to my Sister Lydia — who should
have had the am. by the last of last Year at
the latest — I looked with a heavy heart on my
wasteful expenditures & Stable establishment
and got home about 8 O'clk — An alarm
of Fire in the S.W. part of the town occurred as
I stopped at the Gate — it proved to be the
barn of Anna Dunbar on the Dartmouth Road
— no assistance could be rendered though
attempted — it was doubtless an incendia-
ry act — I called at C.H. Morgan's and Smith-
ers and was there till near 12 at the Cg House.
I pray for Wisdom to guide me in this time
of extremity —

y^th^ day 29^th^ called to see Ch^r^ who showed me the Statement of his affairs which he had been preparing to present to his friends — It made a very favorable exhibit — He informed me that he had sent for David R. Greene Tho^s^ S. Hathaway & Edw^d^ M. Robinson and was waiting their arrival — I went to see my bro^r^ Andrew and family and called at Mothers — then to My C[illegible] Stores duties — — In the afternoon I had a call from Jn^o^ F. Pope saying that — the above named gentlemen had arranged for a meeting at C.H. Morgans of some of the Directors of each Bank in Town — and they recommended my being present with a Statement of my affairs as that might have an influence on their views — Accordingly I went about it and a little before I had finished a hasty State which without pretence to accuracy was probably a near approximation to the truth — With it I went to the meeting where some of the most influential of the different Boards were present and E.M. Robeson who was not of either but in his generous feelings and ability too to give aid other than by his personal influence was highly acceptable to us and to nearly if not quite all of the others — who sympathised with us

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views of the expediency of giving to Ch.t the necessary aids to prevent his suspension and thus the suspension of Ampsel, and perhaps on bd. Wm. too who though possessed of very large property could not meet his heavy endorsements for Charles and would not attempt it — The Mg. appeared to be well satisfied with both of our statements, and the impression appeared to be that it would be the best policy to sustain C.N.B. by giving the requisite facilities as Bank — the meeting was protracted by the peculiar manner in which J. Atwood treated the subject and various and somewhat singular way of treating it, though I could not doubt that his feelings too were friendly — and that he was disposed to do but without committing himself or the B.C. Bk to such a course, whatever he could properly do in his capacity of a trustee of the funds of the Stockholders of the Bank to assist Ch.s in the emergency — I went to the Cs. house at the close of the interview between 11 & 12 O'clk to put my books away for the night having anticipated the necessity of taking them to my home to use to-morrow to prepare a statement of my affairs — which by the hasty one referred to & the prevalent opinion of the Gentlemen to whom it had been submitted seemed now to be unnecessary

1st day 30th After a good night upon
the preliminary morning engagement for the
appropriate services of the day — Our bro
Henry Barron from Newyork was wherewith
in — His visit had reference to the recent
Jailure as it might affect C.H. Morgan
— and to manifest under these new circumstances
ces his very friendly and confiding feelings
— I was able to inform him of the proceedings
of yesterday with the probable results of
which he warmly sympathized with us — I
called with him at my brothers after sup.
— I was called upon after dinner by our neigh
bour Cousin — who wished to have some fur
ther conversation & information on some points
connected with my affairs particularly with
reference to the St Mill — I gave him the
information as far as I had the means at the
moment — he was very friendly — just the
time passed to me so far unconsciously that
before I was aware of it it was too late
for me to attend our afternoon mg — At
home therefore the rest of the day with bro Hen
ry and the family in social enjoyment —
2d day 31 — Went to the Cg House before breakfast
— met bro Henry at R.d Leonards and with him
saw Wm & Charles — with whom I left him who
were both glad to see him — he called afterwards
at the Cg House and I showed him through the
Steam Mill — I was then occupied with neces
sary business till late dinner hour, some time
after the family had been assembled at their meal
— on rising I took leave of bro Henry and

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went to see my good cousin Nathaniel Barney at the Parker House he having come as previously announced in the Steam boat to day — but I found that they intended going on their j.y. this afternoon instead of to morrow as they had proposed — He had to apprise me of the disappointment of not receiving the money of which he expected to be the bearer — The failure of A. Robeson having alarmed his uncle in regard to the safety of the loan — I walked to the R.R. Depot where we had 10 or more minutes further conversation on the subject — he does not give the matter up yet as entirely hopeless — and I therefore will not yet destroy of this aid which is now more than ever important to me — To the Cy Room where I was buried with my accounts till past mid night — took leave again of bro' Henry who proposed to take the Fall River route homeward — The weather appearing not unfavorable — though late in the day there were indications of an approaching Storm.

3d day 2m° 1 — A snow Storm this morning thawing the change from rain was about Sunrise so that I hope that the Steamboat in which bro' Henry was a passenger from Fall River got on

without difficulty — I have been at the C.J. House & mostly and till past 10 in the ev.g — on hopes of an arrang.t with the Banks on the Part of Charles which will prevent the prostration of the Ct. of the family have been to day a good deal clouded — but I do not yet give up in despair — I continue to feel a degree of confidence & hope which I can hardly myself understand — and for which I desire to be thankful even if it th.e end in disappointment —

4.th day 2.d occupied till a very late hour at the C.J. House — was at the R.R Depot after returning from my bu.t Buj.ss when I called upon as a Magistrate — and met Nath.l Barney & Whitfield Owin on their arrival from Boston — had some interviews with members of the St.e mill Co.y who are alarmed at their position in this connection — The wished and I finally consented to reduce my debt against the concern by taking the unsubscribed stock —

5.th day 3.d — called at C.W. Morgan's & the Court House — at the latter place to see Whitfield Owin and speak a word about the Nav.t Loan — I found that nothing can be done till they return home which may be on 7.th day — they being in attendance at a Judicial hearing of evidence in the suit of Jos.h Allen vs. the Pacific Banks — I devoted the day to my business concerns — and continued at the C.J. Office till near 10 in the ev.g — The Banks have I believe concluded to help C.W. Morgan with a large am.t to carry him through his difficulties — J. Arnold called at my C.J. House in relation to

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the continuance of my endorsements — I th. prefer their continuance to the amt. which Ch. shall find necessary perhaps 2/3 their instalment amt. — to the failure of the arrangement this my own. Situation I cannot but view as precarious — and my own anxieties will I fear not be lessened from their recent heavy pressure

6th. day 4th. Occupied to day chiefly with the Rotch Wharf Co.y. Accounts — went to the Court House about 12 to see North. Barney — and ask him & his partner &c to visit us this evg. — he declined his wife being expected from Leicester where she had spent some days with their daughter — by appointment I called in the evg. to see N & William about my expected loan — and passed an hour afterward with his wife & friends — having prepared at his suggestion a written statement of my concerns & that of the factory touching the safety of his uncle in making the loan which had been suspended by the embarrassment of A R & Sons.

7th. day 5th. Spent the morng. in finishing my statments as Treas. of the Rotch Whf Compy. for the annual mtg — and devoted the forenoon to the business of the suspended loan, by obtaining the certificate of the Register as to the encumbered state of my property, saw N. Barney at my mothers — and passed half an hour with E. Barney her husband being out — left her with the expectation of a visit from them this evg — but while writing a note at the Office of the Parker House to North. he came in and said

that the business at the C. House was nearly
ended and that the Board would leave at
2. Oclk — Spent the rem.r of the forenoon till near the
close of the meeting at the Cg. House — afternoon
at the Mg. of the Hotel Wharf Coy. which
being concluded. I came home and made
the record of the doings, and after writing
some notes with reference to my financial
concern, I went to my mothers to and
then to the Cg House where I was engaged
with my accounts. except making with
A.G. Sull some examination & consultation
relative to some work at the factory — I
made a call in the forenoon at A. Robeson's —
saw my Sister & Martha they were much de-
pressed — And.w has returned last evg. from
Newyork & Fall River — disappointed at the
refusal of Hatker Lea & Co. to raise the attach-
ment which they had put upon their property
at Fall River & And.w Estate at Rexborough & this
unkind conduct, so much at Variance with the
treatment which he had experienced from his other
Creditors, who had no special obligation on the
Score of kindred and very numerous personal
favors to Lea's and their family — they could but
feel very acutely —

11 day 6th Attended meeting as usual and pas-
sed the rem.r of the day at home — not very pleas-
antly however — The pressure of financial
anxieties being a great allow which was
heightened by other annoying circumstances
— In the evg I called at mothers and Spent
nearly an hour — She is very well but
participates in the troubles of her Sons some
what otherwise than maternal Sympathy

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2d. day 7th. This being the day of the ann.l Mg. of the W.R. St Mill Co. I went early to the Cg Room to prepare the Statements for the same, but having been unable to make the necessary preparation &c. &c. requiring considerable time the Mg was adj.d till 14th day at 10 Oclk — as there remained enough of my breakfast for my dinner I remained at work till evg

3d. day 8th Continued my work at the Cg Hse early in the Mg — and took my dinner with me I remained there till evg — and must repair there early to be in readiness for the Mg at 10 Oclk —

In addition to this continuous labor I have had much trouble from the difficulties which have been experienced at the mill, owg to the bad working of our supply pumps &c —

4th. day 9th Returned my work at the Cg House early and took my breakfast there to complete my preparation for the Ann.l Mg. of the St.n Mill Co. of which I have acted as Treas.r and to a considerable extent as Clerk, wholly to since the end of the year — I was scarcely ready by the hour of meeting — but sufficiently so to show the condition of the Company — The same Officers were re-chosen — and the vote to extinguish 16.000 of the debt by changing the Stock

holders as they stood on the 1st Inst. was passed
— I remained at home some time after din-
ning to look over the papers — and then wrote
again till late at the Cg Hse
5th day 10th Occupied at the Cg Hse most
of the day & till 9 Oclk in the evg — Called
to see mother in the forenoon who took tea
with my family — I hastened to finish my
business at the Cg House to see, and did
get home to have half an hour of her com-
pany when I went home with her & my
Sister in the Carriage and spent half an
hour more with them — She is very bright
and very affectionate at her [illegible] age
6th day Called at my mothers as I went to the Cg.
House the weather being very cold Mercury at
3 — found her well but the house less warmed
by the furnace than was desirable — an addi-
tional fire on the hearth was directed — mostly of
the day at the Cg House — and till late in the
evg with a review of the old St[illegible]mile Cg. accts —
7th day 14th Family engaged part of the forenoon
with the accts that I was upon yesterday — in the
afternoon preparg for the use of my little printing
press by Hy Smith — as it required some new
contrivances for his purpose I was occupied
through the evg — in completg the preparation
& it striking [illegible] rising 100 of the slips is a Sample
for him — a letter from Mount. the money accommo-
dation is yet uncertain

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1st day 13 Attend. meetings as usual and in the afternoon especially to some comfort - passed a comfortable eve with the females of the family - the sons withdrawing to another room as is the usual there custom - I am distressed at their want of heed to religious considerations - neither of them at any to day. two of them have some slight apology from colds - Read the beautiful and profitable lecture at the end of Wm Allen's memoirs - and the daughters Sue & Ellen sung a couple of hymns - I then went to see my dear aged grandmother who was well & cheerful - prompt to speak words of comfort to her unfortunate children & grand children - I had an example of it in her heart-ing words to my nephew Frederick who was there

2d. day 14th Attended to business at the G House through the day & eve - giving some attention to some work in the Factory to profit more fully from the heating arrangements - Called at the Store - in sight and hearing of the popular recreation of Sled coasting which was extensively practiced on North Street by young & old male and female which seemed very highly enjoyed - and in which at this and other Streets thousands of our inhabitants participated either as actors or Spectators

3. day 15th Engaged at the Cg Hse and Factory - through the day & eve'g -

4th day 16th Spent the day & eve'g in attending to my business concerns of which the anxieties in regard to money are the most trying - entailing personal & family vexations as well as fearful forebodings which are very annoying - and greatly to be deprecated -

5th day 17 - Still tarried as usual all day & night - a good deal of anxiety pressing upon me in regard to money matters - obtained a promise of temporary accom: at the Bank on Col: Security - for the payment to be made to-morrow - hoping that the Nantucket negociation may be effected successful though long delayed and therefore subject to doubt -

6th day 18th Spent the forenoon in arrangements for a pay: to day which is effected by borrowing the sum wch. still continues my anxiety in this re - gard - My reliance on the Stockholders

who are indebted to the Comp.y. Seeming now a very uncertain dependence for redeeming my promises to those who have aided me to day — The forenoon was occupied in this Subject — the afternoon to improving my new Lamp burners by perforating the flange for the admission of air to supply the Vacuum arising from the consumption of the Oil — and in trying to overcome the objections of the Dresser tenders of the Factory to the use of the hot air arrangement for the Dressing Room e.g. at home, after I left the Fact.y. My Dear mother being on a visit to us — — The boys and Ellen went the latter Part of the eve.g to share in the still popular and very fashionable amusement of Sled Coasting — this is the first of Ellens' being there — 7.th day 19.th Engaged at the C.S. Hall and Fact.y. through the day — the afternoon and eve.g being devoted to the application of my little Lever printing press to preparing tickets to be used as a check on errors &c in the in the Dressing & weaving Rooms, after making the preparation I struck off about 300 of the impressions — each containing 24 tickets

for the loom beams and Cutts — The nos of the loom to which they respectively are to be added on delivery of the impressions to each cut nos — with the pen — finished noon 12. 1st day 20th — Attended meetings as usual called at Mothers and A. Robesons at the close of that in the forenoon — when I learned that the Attachment on A. Robertson & Sons property by Hacker Lea & Co. Phil.a was raised, so that the measures of the assignees may now be carried out which is a relief to some of the anxieties of the unfortunate firm — after the 2. mtg. I wrote a letter to C.C. Stewart with reference to his late bereavement in the death of his estimable and devoted wife — Mrs of the evg with Ma Chas H & Sister & our Daughters — The Sons as usual have returned to their rooms — a course of proceeding to which I have several objections & particularly at the present time of my pecuniary distresses and fears for the future.

2d day 21 Attended to business at the C.f. Mee. and Factory — afternoon chiefly in the Dressing Room attending to the re-arrangement of the Hot air trunk, which had been hastily torn up by the workmen with the consent of Mr Smile on acct. of inconvenience resulting from a full knowledge of the arrangements — which otherwise might have been

easily obviated — I was late at the Cg House 3d. day 22d — At the Factory & Office. The small Steam Engine foundation was prepared on its new Site S. of the Chimney from which I anticipate much advantage in warming the mill by means of the fan as early in the morng as the fires are raised — Some time at Rodmans & Leonards & Cg. House devising an improved mode of working Oil by means of Ice — Cg at the Cg House till mid night

4th day 23d Engaged as usual with my daily business Cares at the Cg. House &c after returning from the latter place at a late hour I made a personal inspection of the State of the air flues at the Factg which detained me till after midnight

5th day 24th Went to the Cg House & Dined at the hour of meeting I went to the 5th St. House of the Wilburite Friends and sat with them — This was the first time of my being there — It was the monthly meeting. Quite small — the men & women occupying one division of the house till the business mg came on when the men withdrew to the next division — I sat with them through the whole — I have no particular Sympathy with the views which led to the

Separation — but as I wish to attend mid week meetings, and cannot with Satisfaction be at the business meetings where Gs Howland has influence and honor, & when his course towards me for years has been that of unrelenting hostility which that M. has failed properly to rebuke, and wh has led to my present financial embarrassment besides the years of labor & anxiety which I had to go through pending the Controversy — I think I may continue on this way of the week to meet with the smaller body. I had a comfortable meeting and devoted the rem. of the day to business and late in the aft made a personal exam. of the State of the hot air flue at the Factory

6th day 25 — Business at the Cg Hse & c took aft. my time to day and also in the aft — returns. however from the Cg. Hse about 10 O. Clock looking in to the Factory to see that all were right about the air flues before I came home

7th. day 26th. Spent most of the forenoon in trying to raise some money to pay what I had temporarily borrowed for the 8th mo. mill payments = with only partial success = went to the Depot before breakfast — afternoon at the C.J. Hse & The Factory Stopped to repair the boilers — a leak having appeared in the N. & So. boilers over the furnaces — w.j. at the C.J. House

1st. day 27 — Went to Meetings as usual and called at the close of the first to see how they were getting on with the work on the boilers — found the repairs made and the connections for the new Supply pump in forwardness — A.G.S. expecting to run again to morrow — Gu Harry called at the close of the 2d mtg — Sally Hammond lunched with us — I spent the day otherwise at home & in the a.j read in Burkitt's work on Christian Culture. its views very just & very important.

2d. day 28th. Went to the Fact.y & C.J. Hse before breakfast — found that preparations had been made for running the mill and that the steam was up the new pump appearing to be efficient — yesterday was a laborious day for the Superintendant and his assistants — The financial concerns of the 8th were embarrassing. increase

by the refusal of one of the Stockholders to
render the aid which he by his acts had
promised to do — Saw Mr. Stuntevant of
Phila. and made a conditional engage-
ment for our Stock of Coal. which I
trust will be a better article than we
have heretofore used — afternoon and
e.v. chiefly at the C.H. House and Factory
attended the M.G. of the proprietors of the
Original St. Mill Co.y for the final adjust-
ment of its concerns which together with
the subject of obtaining through a new
selling agency for our Goods the means of
refunding the loan which we have had
from the Commencement of our enterprise from
Mr. Patterson &c prevented my having any
portion of my dear Mother & Sister's visit to our
family at tea — Sister E kindly came to the
Store to take me home in the Carriage wh.
attention was very acceptable on acct. of a
slight injury on my ancle to day —
3d. day 29th. Attended in the forenoon to the fin-
ishing operations of A. Craigie for the adaptation
of my new lamp burner to a Light House
reflecting lamp. and gave attention to
matters of business at the C.H. House — hav-
ing a slight injury on my ancle I remained
at the C.H. and had my dinner sent to me
remained there through the day and e.v.
— had a call by appointment in the e.v. to
try the new Lamp with Sperm Oil preparatory
to the experiment at the light house. The re-

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sult was satisfactory though the difference between Sp.t & Whale Oil was not so striking as I thought it might be. The heat com.d to the fountain was not so great as to give confidence of its being sufficient to keep the Oil fluid in the coldest weather — the heat of the oil at the point of burning I judged was higher than with the other lamp. from the greater qu.y of volitilized oil which rose in brighter internal flame round the central air tube — Jos.a C. Hunt will probably take it to the Light House tomorrow — I rode home at night in the wagon —

4th day 3 mo: 1 — Wrote early a letter to send by the morn.g Car to Boston — forenoon devoted to financial arrangements — in which I was again dis-appointed by N. P Rotch — afternoon to C.g. the duties which were extended into the ev.g — called after getting home at my brother Williams to take his advice on the trying financial embarassments by which I am surrounded — He advises me to struggle on, and by no means suspend payment — my liabilities the present week are very heavy for my means — J. C Hunt, took the lamp to the Light house to day and remained an hour after it was lighted in the ev.g — The report

which he brought back was favorable.
a more full report will be given by
Smith the L. H. keeper on 7th. day next.
5th day 2? Called at Gw. Hussey's. Ch.
Morgans + A Cobbens about money ar-
rangements — made large (comparatively) requests at the Bank — which I exam-
ed late in the forenoon had been very
favorably acted on — I had a long inter-
view with W. C. Roteh which detained
me from the 4th St. M.g. whither I was
going — but it resulted in a partial com
pliance with my wishes — occupied at
the Cg. House till near the time of the depar-
ture of the Cars — whither I went to forward
a letter too late for the mail and saw off
bro: Ch! & his son who started for Phil.a
& Duncannon — after a very late dinner
and spending an hour at home went again
to the Cg. House and remained through the
night
6th day 3? At the Cg House most of the
day — The prospects of business and
my affairs arising from my liabilities
in connection with the Cotton mill are
very depressing — Cg at the Cg House late
night
7th day 4th Engaged as usual at the Cg House
& Court House — the Cares and anxieties of
the latter being very onerous — late at the Cg. House

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1st day 5th — Enjoyed the respite of this day wisely dedicated to the higher aspirations of the Soul — attended meetings as usual & in the intervals read H Bushnell's "Christian Nurture", which I think a very able and logical work — Striking at the errors which have disfigured and limited the influence of our Modern Christianity, as held by some and most of the prevailing Sects — called to see my mother who was very well — met as I was going thither after the P.M. Meeting the dispersing Congregation from the Bethel, which I think must have been much crowded —

2d day 6th Again at the anxieties of my business Cares — went to the Jail before breakfast to arrange the Values for the hot air &c — financial concerns very trying. went from the C.H. Earlier than usual to accomp[y] Sue to the Coasting Course on School Street — as she wished to see this novel and fashionable recreation — the Street was densely lined with Spectators, and the Sleds well loaded with young & old, noble and humble were gliding down with fearful Speed and in the most rapid & sometimes con-

fused Succession — Probly. 300 to 400 - Sleds were in motion — besides those who were only lookers on — many participated in the Sport by giving an impulse to the Starting Sleds - . Torches & music enlivened the Scene and the boarding houses were more or less illuminated, Showing the Sympathy of the inmates with the throng without — The Condor ar. today fully 3d. day 7th. This has been a very trying day on money matters — Went to the Custom House with Capt. Tyler of the Condor. C W M. being absent — intelligence Sent to him this forenoon by Telegraph via Boston — at the Custom House the Collr. read to me the Certificate of the Light House Keeper respecting the experiment with my lamp — it was much less favorable than the account given me by J. C. Kent — it Stated that the consumption of oil was about 1/3 more than the other lamps and the brilliancy greater in the same proportion instead of three times greater as Stated by J. C. K — had a conference in the afternoon with the Prest. of our St Croix Coy on our prospects — and was at the G. Hse till pretty late

4th day Engaged at the Cg. House most of the day as the Factory in the morning and several times after to see to the values of the

valves of the hot air flues — late in the evg. at the Cg House. The mill was stopped by breakg a shaft 5th day 9th Went to the fore g. before breakfast and — to friends meeting on 5th St. at the usual hour. The meet g. was small, and silent but I found the time thus appropriated not unprofitably spent — The experiment to run the spg. frames on the East side by belting from the other line of shafting did not succeed and the new g. of the mill was abandoned — and it was concluded to put in the new wheels wch. have been prepared, so as to have less anxiety and the benefit of larger wheels for the first motion. I was at the Cg. House all day & evg except as above and a call at mothers to see Sister Lydia — who came yesterday to spend a few days — Ag. Snell went yesterday to Fall River to get a competent Machinist to put on the new wheels — But he returned to day without success — He will therefore superintend the job — Sister Lydia with mother & Sister Elsie were with us at tea, and I was consequently at home all of the evg — 7th day 11th At the Cg. House most of the day & evg — got home about 12 and then was occupied some time in rectifying some misarrangement of the Smoke pipe & Drum which warm the Dining Room — Sister Lydia returned to Fall River in the Cars

this afternoon — Our Edmund went with her to the depot
1st day 12 — attended Meetings as usual Rachel Howland Spoke in the afternoon — I Spent the remainder of the day at home, and read in the Bible and the Memoirs of the late Wm Allen — In the evg. I called to see My Aunt Mary and my mother — found the former more unwell than I have seen her — She has a swelling in one of her legs which confines her to support it in a somewhat hor.l position
2d day 13th I Spent the day chiefly at the Cg. House and was there till late in the evg — Called at mother's, who has kindly given me her direct liability for the money which I borrowed of J. Howland & Co for the Cotton Mill.
3d day 14th At the Cg House most of the day, the weather very Cold and unfavorable for the restoring the wheels of the Engine — Had a call in the evg. from D.R. Pierce and J. Hollendale relative to the concerns of the old St.n Mill Coy — to satisfy them Hlines that it was fully closed — I was busily ale in Stating the liabilities which I am under on my own Acct. & on acct. of the St.n Mill — which from the magnitude of the aggregate has a depressing effect on my Spirits
4th day 15th At the Cg. House through the day and evg. the latter with J.C. Kent experimenting on the

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New Light House lamp — tried the new
glass to shield the lower part of the flame
from lateral currents, but it did not an-
swer — tried the straight Moulded glasses
and found the straight rather superior — light
equal with whale a Sp.ti Oil — Henry Smith
was there before dinner he confirmed the idea
of the brilliancy given the see hand by J C Kane
and S.d the Certificate did not State the facts
correctly — — We propose some Changes in
the arrangement for Supporting the Glass which
will complete the Lamp according to our pres-
ent impression —

5th day 16th My late visit made me rather
late in rising so that I had only time for my
morning reading and writing before breakfast
read in the Psalms & one of those appetizing Chap-
ters at the Close of the Gospel of John & made
up my usual daily memo — after breakfast
went to the Court & House, Calling to see AR.
but he was absent from home — took the
L. H. lamp which was experimented with last
wg. to AD Richmond's to be altered as our ex-
periment suggested — thence to the 5th St. Mg
which was small and silent, but Satisfac-
tory. it was preparative Mg day, but as the
men who Sat with the women, retired to the other
part of the house I sat there as I had no wish
to participate in the business transactions of this
more than of the other branch of the Society — returned
to the Office and gave some attention to duties there

In the afternoon I was chiefly occupied in preparing the lamp for another trial, as a dark lamp - which took me till near dark - I then charged the lamp with whale Oil with the wicks and burner before used - on first lighting - the wicks burned very poorly - and in a couple of minutes gave very little light - but on snuffing and raising them a few minutes afterward the lamp burned well & continued to do so till 12 Oclk day about 5 hours when it was extinguished - the light was then decreasing but not so as to remind me of any deficiency in my work as the clerk - J.C. Kent called late in the eve to see the effect in warming the fountain it was I th judge about 80° of Far. to the flame upon the air tube the latter part of the eve - compensating for the diminishing flame from the wicks -

6th day 17th Engaged at the Lt House &c in the day & eve - used Light House lamp again which performed well considering the State of the wicks &c

7th day 18th At the Lt Hse most of the day and eve - A.G. Swift who went to Providence yesterday on acct. of the imperfect form of our new Main wheel returned this morng - and Mr Greene of the firm who made the wheel came in the 11 Oclk train with men to chip the wheel so as to make it more nearly round

It is judged best to make this experiment though it is hardly to be expected that it will ever give entire Satisfaction - I was at the Ch.t House till late - the lamp required no attention after the wicks &c. are in a bad State for the Capillary action were enabled to do their Office by the high temperature imparted by the Burner to the oil. -

Financial anxieties make great anxiety and Sad inroads on the domestic comforts and personal leisure befitting my period of life — But though hard the field the labor must be given in hope. and it may be trust, that a Kind Providence will so bless my efforts, as I keep my eye to him as to grant before I die deliverance from these trials and privations - but if not may they by the endeavor to do right, so cultivate a Submissive and trustful Spirit as that if not favored with temporal prosperity I may be with those inward graces which will enable to bear up under adversity under a humble Confidence of the divine approval in some thought small degree of my aims and intentions. — Mother has been rather unwell for a few days - but is rather better now - Sister P. is supplied with a Seven Colds

1st day 19th Attended Meeting as usual and at the close of the 2d called to see mother & Sister Eliza, and afterwards to see Sally Hammond and Sarah Hammet who are very nicely accommodated in mothers old Home without rent Charge — The surprising news of the Revolution in France which was announced by Telegraph yesterday is confirmed

by the N. York Mail this morning — The people have completely triumphed over the Government and the change has been entire — the Military having generally joined the insurgents: or the people — there was comparatively little blood shed up to the dates rec.d by the Steamer, but the next intelligence will be awaited with great anxiety — I called at Jas. Perry's in the ev.g. to learn the intelligence from Elizas — She seemed rather to have enjoyed rather than felt in any fear by the exciting Scenes which were passing and to some extent under her own observation — My reading has been in the bible and the life of Wm Allen — which afforded striking contrasts to revolutionary Scenes —

2.d day 20.th Again at the anxious post of secular business — troubled at fail.g to obtain from the Bank the accom.n needed for my pay.t on 4th day next — took some advice from C.W. Morgan and acted upon it with reference to an accom.n at the Marine Bank to morrow — this detained me from a participation & expl in a very slight degree in my mother & sisters' visit at tea & in the ev.g —

3.d day 21.st The measures taken with a view to my pay.t tomorrow at the Marine Bank did not succeed — but by the aid of E.C. Jones & others I shall be able to get over this payment but the prospect ahead looks desperate as far as human foresight can discern — There are sad entanglements on the extensive habits of the times Oh that a kind Providence would grant me deliverance from them, and leave me a

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mind undisturbed with these crowding Cares and at leisure to attend to higher & better Concerns — My dear H has been quite unwell these 2 days and confined to her bed to day — and Dr Reed has been called in — whose advice I hope will be successful in restoring her to her usual health.

4th day 22d Engaged in my daily Cares and anxieties and duties in relation to the Factory & Ex House — went to see Capt Wood of the L. C. Richmond and Mother Gifford to enquire of the former about the Winslow, and to learn the Contents of a letter from the Son of the latter who is a boat Steerer in the Winslow & Capt Wood brot home — The information is very unpromising — No success and bad management & misconduct on the part of Simons the Capt of the W — Young Gifford writes in an excellent Spirit to his parents — filial & pious feelings prevail, and I most keenly regret on his and. as well as on others that such a man as S. commands the Winslow — a very unfortunate issue only can be anticipated — I was in the evg at the Cg Hse Mon — Chas H continues quite unwell

5th day 23d — Went to the Cg Hse & Factg

which is started again to day — after a suspension of 2 weeks — to replace new gear wheels for broken ones — So unpromising are the prospects for the Cotton business that it is uncertain whether it is better to run the machinery or not! C J. at the Cg Hse — attended 5th St. Mtg & called again at Clothier Gifford's. Tuesday 24. This is my 56th birth day — anniversary — year after year rolls rapidly round — and none has perhaps appeared so clouded in the future as that now dawning — may a kind Providence avert the threatening evils. and the next find me if I shall be favored with another, with less cause of deep anxiety as to the means of redeeming my business promises — for as far as human foresight can reach — there seems but little chance of my being able to get through the pecuniary troubles which have so long beset & are now thickening in my path. Ma chere H better and I hope there she will soon be about home again C J. at the Cg Hse — I have intelligence from Nantucket which leads me to expect on 2d day next to learn the issue of a long pending negociation for a loan — which is very important if not indispensable to the credit of our factory Concern — I called at my mothers. who continues but feeble.

7th day 25 Went to the Cg. House & factory before breakfast — and was occupied with business Cares through the day & eve. Had a barrel of whale Oil drawn from the Condors' cargo as it arrived for my new lamps — found on trial of it in the eve. that it burned with unsurpassed brilliancy — I have had an inner head made to float on the Oil when present hand with a cork and set on head for use — covered with leather which extends about 1/2 or 2 inches beyond the wood to float on the Oil as it recedes and keep it from the action of the air which is rapid on Right whale oil producing a change which impairs its burning properties — the leather pin which is secured upwards (the inner head being attached to the head which is to be uppermost when in position by a Screw passing through it to the prominent cleats on the in. head which Screw is to be withdrawn and the hole filled with the Vent peg when placed for use) is expected to keep in contact with the swelling sides of the barrel in the descent of the Surface through the varying diameters as the Oil is drawn out — If my object should be gained by this expedient I think I may dispense almost entirely with the use of Sperm Oil in my family

1st day 26 After my weekly Shower batt[h] — I read in the bible — attended Meetings as usual at Spring St. House, and my reading mostly in Mrs Allen's life. Walked

to the Cg. Hse. at the close of the afternoon
Mtg — and wrote a letter to go to Boston by
Ag Snell in the Mg — Called to see my
dear aged mother on my return who is
very well and kinder as usual — In the
Eg. Mr. Chen H. who has been below stairs
since the hour of dinner — read some
very excellent passages from the
Sermons of Andw Peabody — showing
the author as I have long thought him
a true Christian and a man of fine
talents — his ministrations must be
a blessing to his flock — Sister Paul
the Children were at the Episcopal Mg
3 times to one — they were much inter-
ested in the preacher, Rev. Mr. Horton. —
I believe from Providence —
2d day 27th Went to the Cg Hse. before breakfast
and was engaged there most of the day and
Eg — Saw Nath'l Barney at the whf. on the ar-
rival of the Steamboat, but was again dis-
appointed in receiving the money — from
what N. says I cannot wholly relinquish
the hope of receiving what is so very im-
portant to me — yet this protracted and un-
accountable delay in the fulfilment of a dis-
tinct promise naturally throws much doubt

over the prospect — His wife and Sister in law were with him, but he walked with me to the Parker House to explain the position of things — his confidence is a good deal weakened still he did not think it less than an even chance of ultimate Success — I had a second tube applied to my L.H. lamp to day, and found by experiment this week that my expectation was fully answered — The light was very brilliant and sustained and the heat imparted to the reservoir was very satisfactory — In making the experiment I was later at the C of H ce than usual not getting home till about 11 O'clk — read in the bible as usual before retiring

3d day 28th — Went to the Factory before breakfast and was in the forenoon at the C of H ce — also in the afternoon & ev — J.C. Kent called at the latter place to see the effect of the additional supply tube to the L.H. lamp — it had been burning about 2½ hours with moderate Splendor with a full fountain and on trying the temperature it was found to be 108 — I remained at the C of H ce till near 12 — the wicks rather low & untouched after the first removal of the Crusts soon after lighting — & I found on applying the Therm. it rose to 112 — when before in-

mersion it stood at 62 thou g. the heating of the Oil by the Combustion to be 50 degrees. 4th. day 29th. At the C.J. Hse in the forenoon afternoon chiefly devoted to making preparations and arrangements for gilling masts for Fall River for Capt Sills to my wharf had a consultation with I Francis and B W Morgan about the business there for the latter temptly this Season — concluded to despatch I. F. to Brighton to buy a pair of Oxen — he will leave in the Cars tomorrow — I spent the e. J. at the C.J. House — and left there quite late 5th. day 30th Went to the C.J. Hse. after breakfast and attended to business there &c. The Rev. Geo D Wildes dined with us, he having come from Boston to perform the marriage service for Ch. Hunter & Mary S Rotch — the newly married couple set off in the afternoon for Fall River and Newyork — many of their friends were assembled on the occasion — G.D.W. returned home in the afternoon and I went to the C.J. Hse to finish the day and was occupied till late in the e.o.j.

6th. day 31st, Spent the day in attention to business at the C.J. House &c. A.G. Hull returned from Boston Lowell &c — he gives a very discouraging view of the Cotton business especially for us — I went to the Cars at Sunset to meet Rabbi Barney & wife and ask them to our house, the Sister Mrs Geo. Stebbuck and a daughter of J. Milton East were with

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them. they declined coming to tea or to stay with us — But Aaths & Elisa came after tea & spent the ev'g. with us — Mother and Sister Elisa were also with us — I should have enjoyed the visit more but for the depressing aspect of our Factory affairs — and the great doubt of my obtaining the expected loan from his Uncle Simeon — together with that of our getting through the Comber if it shd. be obtd. 7th day 4 mo 7 — Went to the Ev'g. House after breakfast calling at mothers in the way — and spent the time chiefly there through the day and ev'g — My Spirits a good deal depressed with the condition and prospect of our Factory concerns — N. Barney and his party returned to their homes to day — 1st day 2. Attended Meeting as usual at the house in Spring Street — and in the ev'g. went to the Unitarian Meeting and heard a very good lecture from their new Pastor Mr Weiss — his manner and his Sermon impressed me very favorably — an earnest self forgetfulness in the one views the processes of regeneration in the other which accord with my notions the Office and of the Truth — I called to see Mother and Sally Hammond at the close of the afternoon mg — the latter has been very ill and not up for the first

time to day — Walter Mitchell called before tea and after the ev.g meeting — he being on a short visit from the Law School in Cambridge — My mind has been less annoyed with the anxieties of Secular concerns than frequently has been the case of late — and was favored with peaceful feelings in all the meetings — for which I desire to be not unmindful of the favor

2? day 3? — My chief time and attention have been given to getting together, and out of the water at Willis' Point some Cap Sills for my Hall River Wharf — it is a heavy and tedious job — all the more so to me from the heaviness of heart which oppresses me in relation to the pecuniary affairs of our Cotton Comp? — I was in the ev.g at the C.J. Room but did but little the lamp wicks having become by immersion deprived of their Capillary action — I renewed the wicks after fully testing the deficiency of the others

3? day 4th Occupied with the men about the Cap logs as yesterday, succeeded in getting after much delay all but 4 of the Water and to the Rail Road — ev.g at the C.J. House — On reflection I perceive that the attention to the lamps Mr. be under this date and not that of yesterday — this deficiency was apparent last ev.g —

4th day 5th Gave attention in the forenoon to the load.g of the Cars with the Cap logs — and was in the afternoon & ev.g at the C.J. house a

Calculations relating to the Cotton business which now seems eminently portentous of ruin to our young establishment, by the want of means to carry it through the Crisis —

5th day 6th Spent the day chiefly at home revising and repeating my calculations respecting the Cotton mill — except that I attended at the Spring St House the M.S. for Worship of the quarterly Meeting — which was very large — the communications were numerous but not of much ability or interest — But as I doubt not that they were offered under a sense of religious duty, the evidence which they afforded of dedication to this high principle was instructive — Elizabeth Wing of Riverton made the most impressive offerings — to my mind — Went to the C.J. House at the close of the day and was engaged till a very late hour in writing a/c Cotton business to Henry Pattesson & Co —

6th day 7th Went to the R. Road depot after Breakfast to attend to loading the balance of the Cash logs — the non arrival of the Cars yesterday having induced the departure of Isaac & the Oxen to begin the business at Full River — But as the Freight master was absent the job was deferred — I therefore attended to my concerns at the C.J. Hse. and remained till the close of the evg — making out Statements of my liabilities Individually and as Treas. and

property with a view of obtaining the aid of some of my friends credit to enable us to discharge them without default--

7th day 8th — Though oppressed with a cold I was under the necessity of giving my attention in the forenoon to getting the remaining Cap Logs on the Cars — The 1st Quarter (Warren Ladd) could not give his attention to it till 10 o'clk — and with the aid of my brother Benj: Oxen we finished the job about 1 — . After dinner I attended to my affairs at the Cg. House of C W Morgan and my own — where I was detained till about 3 Oclk — and found my Dr. mother and sister Eliza with the family on my return. they being with them at tea — a meal which I habitually omit —

1st day 9th Rose at Sunrise and omitted my weekly Shower bath on acct. of a Cold. Read before breakfast in the bible and wrote up my journal — and did some writing in relation to the business of the Cotton mill before meeting Called after dinner to see Mr. Phipps Preceptor of the Academy who has met with a Sad bereavement in the sudden death of Scarletina of his only Child a lovely little girl of 3 years old — He seems to be supported by Religious faith under this affliction — went to meeting at usual on this day of the week at the Spring St. House.

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and in the ev^g We had a call from William L Fisher and William Wister who arrived this morning from Phil.a on business connected with the Duncannon Iron Works — My dear H was absent at the time making a call at Aunt Mary's — This visit reminds us forcibly of our bereavement of our beloved daughter She has this Spent two weeks last autumn a year with her mother at his house for the benefit of the health of the former — He showed strong feeling & sympathy on this occasion —

2.d day 10.h a.m after some preliminary preparation I set off in the Buggy (having a cold requiring some unusual care) for Fall River to see my business now beginning and to attend the Pocasset Co.y Dir.y Meet.g — Arr.d about 11 & remained there till near 5 O'clk. when I brot with me Jer.h Sullivan a man long in the Service of A Roberson & sons, to work in the Garden &c — Dined at Micah's — and had a pleasant visit there &c — The loss of one of my finest horses on 6.th day last at this juncture is a great disappointment and sadly disables one of my hitherto Spl did teams but we shall try to get on with the 4 that are left —

3.d day Called at Mothers and devoted my self to business the rem.r of the day & eve.g the ev.g — was at home mother & Sister Elisa with us at tea &c and Wm L Fisher and W. Wister joined them in the ev.g — There

end to night their short Visit and re-
turn by the way of Fall River tomorrow
Spend the day there and leave in the eve-
4th day busily occupied with the details
of the C. House which confined me till
late — had a conference with Geo Henry
on the untoward State of our Cotton Concern
5th day 13 — Went again early to the C.
House and was detained there, and prevented
attending meeting which I intended to do
I was late for the mail, and after a hur-
ried dinner long after the family I went
to forward my letters by the Rail Road
but from a mis apprehension of the hour
of starting — I was again disappointed —
the Clerkship of the 2d mill the duties of
which I now perform detained me till
mid night — a Slavish life truly, with
out even the prospect of a Slaves reward, the
consciousness that he is at least free from
debts which he cannot discharge: a reflec-
tion which makes (in my case) physical
endurance & privation a little moment
in comparison with the thought that
my obligations I may not be able to dis-
charge, in the quick way which is so
desirable, and which but for the sad mistake
of the Cotton mill, I should doubtless be able
to do in the future, as I have been favored
to do in the past — without any exercise

anxiety of mind; which at my time of life is sadly out of place.— May a kind Providence open a way of escape from these melancholy cares & perturbations and grant me leisure to be both wiser & better as well as happier — in myself and in my family around me who now cannot fail to sympathize in my troubles, and to feel for the domestic, social & intellectual privations to which I have long been subjected.

6th. day 14th. Devoted to business & C. House Cares through the day and till late in the ev.

7th. day 15th. I have spent considerable time to day in preparing to exhaust the Cylinder pipe for discharging the water from the Cellar of the Store on the ship. I had a leather pump to work like a Cask bellows invented but the leather appeared to let in the air so that I could not succeed. a subsequent attempt with the Small air pump formerly successfully used for this purpose also failed & the effect so that I suspect that the tube itself has become imperfect — Spent the ev. in C. the calculations or examinations relating to the Tax

1st Day 16th attended mgs as usual, and called at Mr. Phipps on a visit of Condolence. I saw Mrs Phipps for the 1st time — She seemed as he also did to submit with resignation to this trying dispensation of Providence — an alarm of fire interrupted or occurred about the time I left. have withdrawn, occasioned by the burning of a Chimney — I then called & finished the ev.

at Mothers & A. Roberons — had at the latter place a letter from Eliza Wales of Vassalborough informing of the prob. last illness of her mother our cousin Eunice Barney — Read in the Bible and the lecture by the Rev. Mr. Weiss del. last winter before the Lyceum — on Poor & Character which is ably treated and has some striking and excellent thoughts on the lamentable delusion which at this age can lead the Savage profession and anti christian character of the warrior — while public profession is made to discipleship of the Prince of Peace —

2d day 17th Had the Cyphon pipe taken out this afternoon, which was done by drawing it through the log extending from the cellar to the wharf wall, some removal of the earth near the building and the Cap sill being first made — two leaks were found near the highest points of immersion both within & without — probably occasioned by the freezing of the water within the pipe in the winter — no attention having been given to it for perhaps 20 months — I was employed at the Cy. House in calculations & investigation relating to Factory Concerns till a late hour of the day —

3d day 18th — Had the plumber to repair the Cyphon pipe — instead of putting it to its place again in one length — as before. I had the horizontal part detached from the descending part at each end and fitted with brass

couplings so that — these parts can be re-
moved and re-attached as pleasure — the
preparation occupied most of the forenoon
— and the small air pump was used to
exhaust the air from the tube by applying
it to the small branch with a Stop Cock
provided for that purpose — the water
was soon brot to the orifice — but the
syphon did not act with any success.
— It was found on examining the inner
end that the opening had become closed by
the tar which had found its way to the cell
li cellar, the leakage of the lot formerly
stored there — This was removed, and an-
er trial made, but still without success
— I therefore made preparation for filling
the tube with a small Engine from the
the external end, as I had done on former
occasions — The loss of the proper coupling
to attach the hose obliged me to devote the
the afternoon chiefly to making the requi-
site preparation for the experiment, which
I accomplished - and effectually filled
the tube with water on the 1st trial when
a stream the full size of the tube follow-
ed the withdrawal of the hose tube from
the outer orifice — with a prospect of

the continued and complete discharge of the
water of the Cellar, so as to make it avail
able for the storage of Oil, now waiting
on the wharf to be there deposited — I re-
turned my Cg. the duties in the evg.
— but the muscular action to which I
had been subjected through the day, dis-
qualified me for a late continuance of my
accustomed labors — and I returned home
about 9 Oclk —
4th. day 19 — Assiduously occupied at
the Cg House with Factory business from
early dawn till late in the evg.
5th. day 20th — Still engaged at the Cg. Hse.
with business of the Factory &c — A visit
from my mother at tea with Sister Eliza
induced me to return home at 9 — to share
a little of her company — I was engaged a
considerable part of the afternoon in dis-
charging the Oil from the L. Ho. Lamps
which I have burned for about 10 Evenings
with my first improved, the latter with a
brass & the former with a cast Iron burner
to ascertain whether the former had any advan-
tage in the kind of metal, as to the burning of
the lamp — But I could not discover that
it had — the wick in it becoming unfit
for use two or three days earlier, — This was
probably owing to the more complete immersion of
the Wicks of the L. Ho. lamp, as in this the oil is kept

nearly on the same level & nearly up to the flange of the burner till the Oil in the fountain is all exhausted — The result of my experiments has satisfied me that the wicks of the lamps when whale Oil is used should not be more than 4 d. long — as by the time that this length is consumed, the cotton will have lost in great degree its capillary attraction — I put the lamps in complete readiness, with a new wick, and well cleaned out for the comparative experiments which are proposed by Benj: T. Congdon the appointed inspector of Oil for the L. Houses of the U. S. to ascertain the relative value of my improvt. of the L H. and the portable, Standard lamp — But in bringing it in the evg. from the Cg Hse. to have it nearer the County Registry where the experiments are to be made, and to exhibit it to my mother I had the misfortune to stumble my foot against the cast Stone in crossing the Street, at an unusual point, which gave me a fall, encumbered as I was the lamp & its heavy Standard, and broke the Glass — which is to be the more regretted on acct. of the uncertainty of finding another as well adapted to the occasion 6th day — went a little before Sunrise to the Cg House and was occupied there most of the day and all of the evg till near midnight on the business of the Factory

7th day 22d - Again I have been very closely occupied with calculations & investigations relating to our consignments of Goods to our Boston friends - who have had very poor success in disposing of our fabrics, which have hitherto been confined to their agency but we have now made them acquainted with the imperative necessity which will hereafter oblige us to avail more directly of other markets & returned home at midnight.

1st day 23d. Attended meetings as usual and gave audience to Isaac Francis in the evg - relating to the work at Fall River

F. M. Weld was here in the evg -

2d day 24th. Attended assiduously to C.J. Hoover's duties preparatory to leaving home this afternoon for N. York. Put a finish on the business at the Factory - which confined me at the Office till near the hour of the starting of the Cars - when I went home calling at my brothers to take leave - and reached the cars seasonably omitting the mid day meal - Had two or three hours at Fall River to see after my whaling business - and visit my Sisters family, where I dined at their usual hour, about 6. O Clk - and Micah then drove me to the Steam Boat (Bay State) Mr. Snell was with me on the expedition to New York -

3d day 25th arrived about 6 O'clk. at the Whf. on the North River - Mr. S. stopped at the foot of Pr. way, near the landing and I proceeded to my bro.r in law Henry Barrow's 181 Monroe

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– I expected to be there in season to join the family at breakfast, but I was too late. and Henry had gone to the Oil works – On his way back I accompanied him to Wall St. and devoted the forenoon, and till the time of Starr's for Phil^a 4½ O'clk to calling on sundry vendors of Domestic Cotton or Com^n and at Taber & Jenkins Cotton Brokers – with reference to the establishment of an agency for the Sale of our Goods. and to obtaining a supply of Cotton for the mill – A.G. Snell returning home in the "Bay State" – Called on Fisher Howe & Hamiltons. Baldwin Willard & Wood, Wm. F. Nott & Jr. & Jermish Bros – The latter Struck us as probably the most eligible House for an agency – they are very large vendors of Cotton for Eastern account and is one of the Oldest and most substantial Houses in the business in the City – Their Charges are about the Same as Alex Patterson & Co.'s – took a ticket for the R. Road line to Phil^a, & continued in the Cars till we were within about 8 miles from Phil^a when we went onboard a Steam boat and landed at Walnut St Whf. about 9¼ O'clk – I had my baggage taken to the U. S. Hotel in Chestnut St – first looking into the large Hotel on the whf. which had too great a display of the evil Spirits for my taste or my principles – at the U. S. no such thing offend the eye and but little use of them appear to be made –

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4th. day 26th. — Rose at 5 — and called about 6 O'Clk. at Thomas Fisher's, at the old House in Front Street with which as the residence of his Parents my Uncle Saml. R. Fisher & his wife my fathers Sister, which during their lives was my home whenever I was in Phila. Commencing as early as 1809 when I went to Enoch Lewis' School at Newgarden — Thos. since his father's death has kept batchelors hall at the old stand — I wished to ascertain the best means of getting information to Wm. Wister of my being in town having previously written to him on the subject of a Phila. agency — I staid and breakfasted with him, and my bro. Fisher's son Lindley — whose office of treas. of the Duncannon Iron Co. employs him in the City and he boards with my Cousin — & lodges there when detained too late to go out to Wakefield to lodge — It was concluded to send Lisby out of Town with a note to W. W. — and I spent the intermediate time in making calls at D. S. Brown & Co's Thomas & Martin's Yates Lotrop & Co D. Clark Wharton who married Anne Morgan one of the firm) I was also at Wyeth & Brothers — on T. W. Morgan & Co. &c — The boy missed the first Car — and was after wards despatched by omnibus & on foot to execute the Com. — this bro. him too late at Bellevile for Wm. to aid my plans prior to my departure for Baltimore — for which place I set off in the Steam Boat for New Castle at 3 Oclk — Arr. there, (about 40

miles at 6 and then crossed the peninsular
16 miles by Rail Road, and re-embarked at
Frenchtown, for Baltimore 65 miles, about
7 P.M. — Sailed down Elk River about
12 miles to the Chesapeake Bay 12 miles
crossed the bay about 40 miles, and then
ascended the Patapsco about 12 miles to
the City where we were about half past 10.
— Went to Bannum's City Hotel, and found
by the Cry and boisterous conversation about
the Bar Room, that I had left the land
of Temperance — The Office & other parts
of the extensive house was orderly enough
— The numerous colored waiters, and their
civil manners bordering on obsequiousness
reminded me that I was in the land of
Slavery — I soon retired and excellent
sleeping accommodations were assigned me
5th day 27th — Rose pretty early, and walked
out to gain some knowledge of the City and
of the locality of the Office of my friend
Wm. M. Elliott — I extended my walk to
Fells Point the place where the heavier
class of ships load & discharge — about
a mile in a Southeastern direction

from the "basin" where the smaller vessels lie — The Reversal of the points of the Compass — made my walk less satisfactory and useful than it would otherwise have been — as on the return of Sunshine when the points assumed their correct position reversed all of my first impressions in this respect — After taking breakfast I sought and after some wandering, and inquiry found again the Office of my friend where I left a note for him before. — He very kindly devoted himself to me and introduced me to this prominent vendors of Domestic Cotton Fabrics J. H. Duvall & Co — Duval & Keeler — W. S. Wyman & Co, Tiffany Ward & Co & Miller & Mayhew & Co, Successors of Fisher Miller & Co — The latter firm strikes me as the most eligible for our fabric — and they are of opinion that they can make satisfactory sales in the fall season beginning in July — the Spring Sales being nearly over — I left with this house the two Sample pieces of our cloth which I brought with me — W. M. E. introduced me to the president of the Union Manf. Co in this Vicinity who have several Mills running on coarse Cotton which fell readily in Charge of Miller & Mayhew — There were the 1st Mills I

the kind in this section of the Country which are now quite numerous. and as I was informed to 20 or 30 — one being propelled by Steam within the limits of the City — The Sales of the Com.r Houses above mentioned are very heavy and this a large distributing Market, aside from the home consumption of about 100 000 inhabitants — after leaving the Store. W.m E. took with me to some of the most interesting or beautiful parts of this fine City — the new Library building — the far famed Washington monument — with a Colossal Statue of Washington surmounting a marble shaft the whole being 465 ft. in height — the Statue is 15 ft. high and is said to be a fine Specimen of art by a pupil of Canova. We went into the Roman Catholic Cathedral not far from the monument — which is quite large & built of Granite — it is surmounted by a dome and is said to be a fine Specimen Architecture — but the effect is not very imposing, the dingy and cracked appearance of the walls and columns supporting the dome offen

ing the eye — There is much show of wealth in the buildings a Charles Street and the other fashionable parts of the City — The bricks are of a very superior quality — but are sometimes injured by unnecessary painting, as in the case of the new Library building above mentioned — The Battle monument is not very striking in its general effect, and I have too little sympathy with its object to induce me to give attention in my short visit to its details — I took leave of my friend at the Hotel, and after an early dinner went again onboard the Steamboat to return to Phil^a The afternoon was fine and I made the passage on the hurricane deck to Frenchtown and I fear rather imprudently remained in the open air till on arrival in Phil^a, the R.R. Cars excepted, where we arrived about 10^h Oclk — and I went again to the U. S. Hotel

6th day 28th Phil^a — On getting to my room last night I found that my Valise was in two parts — having separated probably from being too full at the Central line of the two halves — It was therefore necessary for a semblance of security to have surrounding straps

and of this I went in pursuit — unsuccessfully however from the Shops being closed as the early hour of my first attempt — I then called again on my Cousin Thomas Fisher — and he went with me to the Exchange to ascertain the time of the departure of the first Cars for Germantown whether I proposed to go and see W. Foster & make a short call on the Wakefield families — But before going to the Cars after breakfast I went to the Store of Thomas & Martin to give an order for the samples of Sheeting left at D. S. Brown & Co's. for examination — but on getting there I found James Thomas, and hoping to get through his aid some funds for our Boston debt I gave up the Germantown expedition — He was one of our Companions on the Journey of 1843 for a few days — which made me hope from their reputed wealth that I might get some accommodation by way of loan — But I was disappointed — and remained in the City calling on Stone Slade & Fanman & at the Office of Noble & Stenteasants Coal dealers — The former firm have sold

some of our bleached Goods sent to them from Boston by Alvy Patterson & Co — This is doubtless a good house and do a large business for the Boston distributors of the Lowell & other mills — Met Wm Wister who recommended a new firm to begin business on the 1st of 6th mo. composed of two of the most successful Salesmen of the Houses of David S. Brown & Co. & Thomas & Martin — whom I have no doubt will make a very good house but in our Crippled Condition a house of extensive and long established reputation for responsibility may be preferable for us — After Dining I made a Call at the Store D.B. Smith and saw his Son Benj.n — & learned that his parents were well — at 4h P.M. I went again onboard the Steam boat for New York — Saml. Stokes of the New Domestic House above referred to & whom I had seen at Thomas & Martins of wch firm he has been for years the most active Partner for sales &c &c — was onboard for the passage to Elkton 6 or 8 miles — and I have no doubt of his qualities for a successful Salesman — The R.R. ride terminated about 9h P.M. — and I walked to Benj.n W. Bunn's where as usual I was very kindly rec.d — his wife who was absent when I passed through the city is now at home —

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7th day 7½ A. M. — After breakfast I walked to the Oil works to see bro. Edmund, who I found personally engaged with his men — they are doing a pretty large and good business — made an attempt to see my wife's friend & Cousin Hannah Walker, but she was not at home — thence to the Offices of the Ft. Wa Reporter & Ft. Wayne Sentinel to pay for and stop my papers — and to permit Holcomb Stone to talk further about Cotton Goods — & to Talbert & Perkins about our purchase of Cotton — Whence I was told that the favorable news from Europe by the new Cunard Steamer America which arrived this day at noon, had advanced the price of Cotton fully ½ a ¾ P. lb — called at Bond Price's Office — and went with bro. H. home to dinner through Wall St. Broadway — taking seats in an Omnibus to avoid the great dust & threatened rain — after dinner took leave of the family of bro. H. and walked with bro. H. to East Broadway, where I took a seat in an Omnibus and rode to the foot of Broadway where I walked to the "Bay State" Steamer — left the City at 5 — was surprized by Mr. Bontelle — who was formerly a bookbinder here — but is now and has been for several years attached to the Corps of Civil Engineers for the Coast Survey — he told me that he was informed in passing thro' Phila that some Danish (?) Astronomer had sent to him for a mezzotint likeness of Maria Mitchell the astronomical assistant of her father Mr. Mitchell of Nantucket, whose name and attainments has already it seems given her some celebrity on the other side of the Atlantic